



Holy Trinity

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All

Christ the King Sunday **November 24, 2024**

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You are a child of God and you are welcome here: whatever your faith commitment, experience, or level of doubt, mental or emotional health, physical abilities, financial or employment status, race, ethnicity, or primary language; whatever your gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation. We welcome you whether you are a parent or caregiver; whether you are a fussy baby, an energetic toddler, a 'tween, or a teen; whether you are an inquisitive young adult, exhausted adult, or wise senior citizen; whether you are single, in a relationship, married, divorced, or widowed; whether you struggle with an addiction to drugs, alcohol, or anything else. We welcome you however you found us: on the internet, from your neighbor or friend, or passing by our Giving Garden. We welcome those who hurt and those who celebrate, those who worship every week or just this once, and in whatever you choose to wear. We extend a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now. We welcome you to join us as we grow in faith through worship, study, and friendship. We welcome you as we seek to make a difference through combating food insecurity, ministering with those in need, and committing to racial equity. And we welcome you to help us be fully open to all. Whoever you are and wherever you are from, you are a child of God and you are welcome here.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude:

Grateful

John Bucchino

(Rob Tucker, soloist; live recording, 2018)

Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness:


L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
 we confess that sin has taken hold of us
 and we are complicit in its power.
 We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
 Unbind us and set us free.
 Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
 that we may live just and generous lives
 for the good of your world,
 following in the servant way of Jesus.
 Amen.

L: These words are trustworthy and true:
 Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
 swallowing up death forever.
 For his sake, you are  forgiven
 and God remembers your sin no more.
 Let your heart be glad again,
 and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns (ELW 855)



- 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.
cre - 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.

Greeting:

L: 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.

Canticle of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

L: The first reading is from the book of Daniel, the 7th chapter.

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

L: The second reading is from the book of Revelation, the 1st chapter.

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

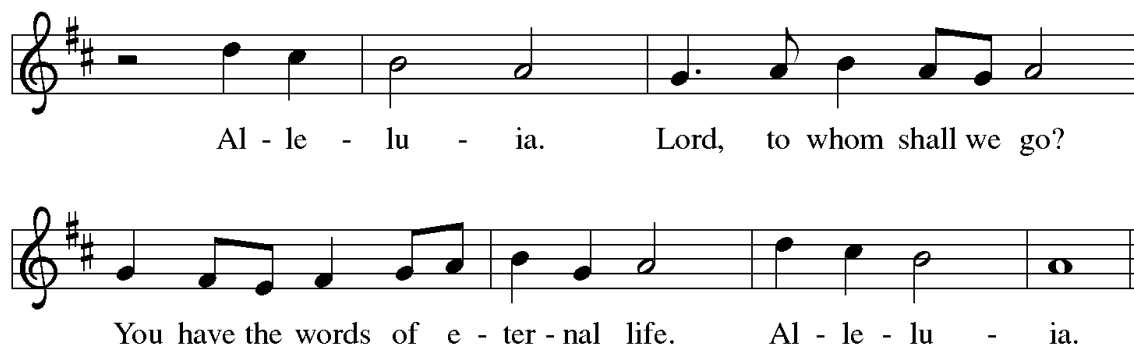
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:



Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

L: The Gospel this day according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Pastor Kristine Peterson

Hymn of the Day: Christ Is the King (ELW 662)



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed:

L: Let us make public profession of our faith together, reflecting on the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Prayers:

L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

- L: Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- L: Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- L: In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,
- C: **receive our prayer.**
- L: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

The Peace of Christ:

- L: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you are comfortable.

Anthem:

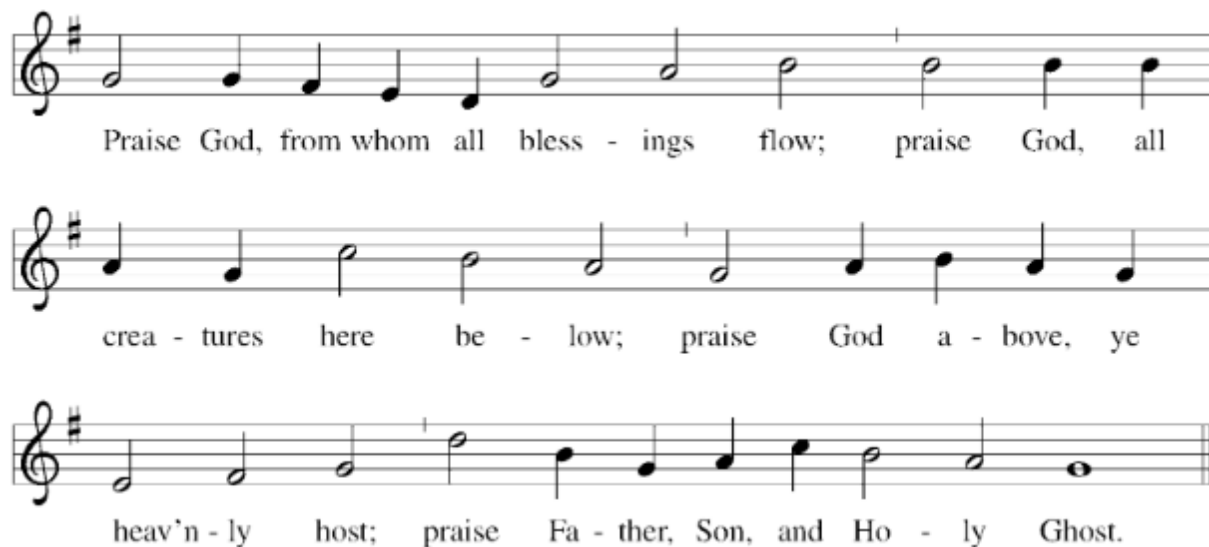
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

T. H. Williams

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Doxology & Offertory Prayer:



Offertory Prayer:

- L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

+MEAL+

The Great Thanksgiving:

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface:

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, sent his Spirit to be with us always. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

L: In the night in which he was betrayed, when he gave himself up for the life of the world, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; Broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

L: 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.**

Invitation to Communion:

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

C: Amen.

Communion Song:

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual

Post-Communion Prayer:

L: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

+ SENDING +

Benediction:

L: God almighty, God most merciful, ✙ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Soon and Very Soon (ELW 439)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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

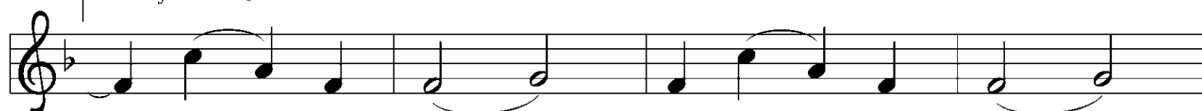


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



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

Coda after stanza 4



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



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

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude:

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dan on Vacation from 11/14-11/29

Pastor Dan will be on vacation from the 14th to the 29th. During that time, any pastoral emergencies can be directed to Pastor Karl Richard of St. Matthew in Springfield. He can be reached at prkarl@stmattspringfield.org or at 610-543-8700.

Next Sunday

December 1 will be the first day of Advent already! In addition to lighting the first candle of our Advent wreath, we will be joined by staff from KenCrest and Harvey Davis's daughter and son-in-law to advocate for the fund he established. Come on out or log onto Zoom to worship and fellowship with us as we near Advent!

Turkeys for Grace Lutheran

Holy Trinity, once again this year, is providing turkeys to our beloved "food insecure" folks at the Grace Food Bank, in Mantua. Monetary donations (no actual turkeys collected) will provide literally thousands of Thanksgiving meals for our friends. Ritter Poultry of Philadelphia will deliver the birds on the Monday of Thanksgiving week. Along with Grace's huge offering of all the "trimmings", each family in need will have a blessed holiday.

Please donate online or if you prefer to send in a donation via check, please mail it to the church office at 196 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, PA 19072 or place your donation in the offering plate during worship. Note Don & Nancy Hall Turkey Drive on the memo line. Give thanks! God's Work.....Our Hands!

Help Needed for Raking Leaves on 12/7

Please do join us on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00-11:00 to collect some of the leaves that will fall between now and then. Bring a rake, gloves, or some leaf bags if you can! We'll have coffee and some breakfast items for any volunteers. Thank you!

Holiday Open House @ the Annex on 12/15

Pastor Dan and Alina will be hosting their annual holiday open house for Holy Trinity members and friends on Sunday, December 15, from 5:00-7:00. Now, yes, that is a day that the Eagles are playing, but we'll have the game on the big screen tv for anyone who wishes to watch it! :)

Decorating the Sanctuary 12/20 from 6-8

Come by for a great time of fellowship and goodies as we decorate and beautify our building for Christmas! Friday the 20th from 6-8.

Holy Trinity's Prayer List

Sue Steiger

Dee Jaye Frye

Lisa Lundgren

Condolences to Heather Wiley-Starankovic and the Wiley family on the passing of Heather's 44 year old brother Jason.

Friends and Relatives

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's brother)
Fran Gebhart
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's co-worker)
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)
The Houghs (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Linda Baldi-Boyd
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck
Marbury Hooey
John & Rosemary (friends of Pat Brubaker)
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)
Joseph Davis
Danelle VanInstendal (friend of the Steigers)
Heinrich Mengel (cousin of the Hoffmann Family)
Louise Jackson (cousin of Julie Ackerman)
Mary Fran (friend of Dorothy McCluskey)
Tara Echelmeier Dolan (friend of Julie Ackerman)
Mary Ann & Deed Dixon (friends of the Hoffmans)
Darby Rinkel (great-niece of the Steigers)

David Segermark (Kristine DelMonte's father)
Erin Borden (friend of Anne Hoffman)
Jane S. (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Ken Ackerman (Carl Ackerman's father)
Barb McCluskey (sister in law of Bruce & Dorothy McCluskey)
Heather DePauli (cousin of the Hoffmans)
Sandy (friend of Pat Brubaker)
Katy (niece of Pat Brubaker)
Grace Vanartsdalen (friend of Bruce and Dorothy McCluskey)
Nicole Krumenacher (The McCluskey Family)