The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 16, 2025 10:30am



Welcome to ALL Today!

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you believe, God WELCOMES and LOVES you, right now and always!

Church of the Holy Trinity

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Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests @ 10:30

We are excited to offer a fully staffed Nursery for our smallest guests at the 10:30 am service. Feel free to entrust your children up to age 4 to our nursery staff. Then pick them up after the service.

Prelude & Welcome



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Children's Chapel Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Together Lord God, help us to see Jesus and hear his voice,

that we may love him in our hearts, think about him in our minds, and follow him with our lives.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-19, 21-25

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

- ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;

my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

- ²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A Canticle of Thanks Respond with the lines in italics

And you will say in that day, "I thank you, God.

You were angry, but your anger wasn't forever. You withdrew your anger and comforted me.

"Yes, indeed—God is my salvation.

I trust in him, I won't be afraid.

God—yes God!—is my strength and song, best of all, my salvation!"

Joyfully you'll pull up buckets of water from the wells of salvation. And as you do it, you'll say,

"Give thanks to God. Call out his name. Ask him anything!

Shout to the nations, tell them what he's done, spread the news of his great reputation!

"Sing praises to God. He's done it all!

Let the whole earth know what he's done!

Raise the roof! Sing your hearts out, O Zion!"

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:26-29

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁶ As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and gave thanks. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body."

²⁷ And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, ²⁸ for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. ²⁹ Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Children are invited to come forward for the sermon. They will return to be with their parents after the sermon.

I Thank You Lord

Holy Trinity Children & Youth

Chorus: I thank you, Lord; Lord, I thank you!

I thank you, Lord; Lord, I thank you!

Every time I think of you I get a thankful attitude

My heart gets filled with gratitude

And Lord, I thank you!

Verse: Lord, you've been so good to me

You are my help; you meet my needs You were my strength when I was weak

Your love and mercy rescued me

Repeat Chorus

Verse: Lord, you are my resting place

You save me by your matchless grace Your word is life; your word is truth

And I will always follow you

Repeat Chorus

The 3rd Sunday Creed

All stand.

Celebrant I believe in God the Father, People I believe in God the Father,

Celebrant who created me and all the world.

People who created me and all the world.

Celebrant I believe in God the Son, People I believe in God the Son,

Celebrant who saved me on the cross and loves me.

People who saved me on the cross and loves me.

Celebrant I believe in God the Holy Spirit, People I believe in God the Holy Spirit,

Celebrant who is in me and gives me life. *People* who is in me and gives me life.

Celebrant I believe in one God, People I believe in one God,

Celebrant who lives forever and ever. Amen. *People who lives forever and ever. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Now let us pray together for the Church and the world.

Leader God, our Father, watch over your people in all the

world who worship you this day.

People We pray to you our God.

Leader God, our Lord, guide the people of this nation, and

our leaders as we work for justice and freedom in our

land.

People We pray to you our God.

Leader God, our Redeemer, rescue all who suffer in wars or

violence, and restore goodwill among all nations.

People We pray to you our God.

Leader God, our Savior, pour out your healing power on all

those who are sick and comfort those who suffer.

People We pray to you our God.

Leader God, our Shepherd, receive into your arms all those

who have died, and give us peace in our grief.

People We pray to you our God.

Leader God, our Friend, help us to be humble and loving like

Jesus, who came to serve all those in need.

People We pray to you our God.

Celebrant Lord God, you are our light and our life. Help us not to be afraid but instead be bold in sharing your love with all people. Amen

Confession and Absolution

All kneel or sit.

Almighty and merciful Father,
We confess that we have sinned against you.
We have said, done, and thought things that are wrong
We are sorry and we repent.
Have mercy on us and forgive us all our sins
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

This is an opportunity to greet those around you and to share God's peace.

Announcements

Offertory Fairest Lord Jesus **Hymn 383**

Please join in singing our offertory

Verse 1: Fairest Lord Jesus!

Ruler of all nature!

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Verse 2: Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels heav'n can boast!

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to give you thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, so that all people might know the love of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)

Hymn S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit, stand or kneel as you prefer.

Holy and gracious God: In your great love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and experienced evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to restore us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the last night of his life, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; he gave thanks then gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is shed for all of you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In thanksgiving for all that you have done for us, we offer you these gifts. Bless them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Bless us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament and serve you all the days of our life. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. *AMEN*.

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

All people of faith, children or adults, are welcome to receive communion. We believe this is God's table and no one is turned away. Follow the directions of the ushers to come forward.

If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, please do come forward and we will bless you and/or your kids. Finally, if you would like communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.

Offering plates are placed at the front on each side so we might bring our gifts as we come forward.



Wine and wafer packets are available. Simply take one from the tray, and then discard the packaging in the designated area when you return to your pew.



To instead receive a wafer, place your hands in front of you, slightly overlapping. The priest will place a wafer in your palm.



If you wish to use the common cup, reach out and guide the large chalice to your mouth.



Two options exist for receiving wine.

If you wish to dip your wafer in the wine, hold it in front of you, and then dip your wafer in the small chalice.

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 488

- Verse 1: Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be naught to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- Verse 2: Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, thine own my I be;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- Verse 3: High King of heaven, when victory is won may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun Heart of my heart, whatever befall still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Lamb Of God

- Verse 1: Your only Son no sin to hide
 But You have sent Him from Your side
 To walk upon this guilty sod
 And to become the Lamb of God
- Refrain: Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God I love the Holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious Blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God
- Verse 2: Your gift of love they crucified
 They laughed and scorned Him as he died
 The humble King they named a fraud
 And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Refrain

Verse 3: I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

Refrain

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You have given us the gift of your son Jesus.
You have fed us with spiritual food.
You have saved us by your love.
Send us now out into the world in peace.
Give us strength and courage
To love and serve you with all of our life,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **Hymn 493** Vs 1, 2, 3, 6

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
- 3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

6. Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given, by saints below and saints above the church in earth and heaven.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,

Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

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Altar flowers are given in celebration of
Bob & Lucy's and Larry & Roxane's wedding anniversaries
by Bob & Lucy Winter and Larry & Roxane Graham

Serving Today

Greeters/Ushers	Chalice
Cheryl Hejl	TBA

Claire Wasserburger Beth Davidson
Genisis Vifquain Rev. John Long
Eloise Everett Rev Verneda Kelly

Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Lectors

Colin Schmitter Altar Guild
Teddy Everret Mary Vaughan
Janie Rife

Coffee Shepherd
John Schomerus

Check out the Connection Corner in the Parish Hall

Right after the service we invite you and your family to join us in the Parish Hall for light refreshments and fun snacks for the kids. You'll find the Connection Corner just inside the door. We'll have crafts, treats and fun for them to continue the learning!



Come Join Us next month! Next Family Worship is December 21st @ 10:30

If you've been looking for a way to help your kids or grandkids feel like Holy Trinity IS a place for them, then this is for you.

Or Come Every Sunday!

And Help Your Kids Discover Their Faith.



East Entry Demolition & Rebuild Over the Next Two Weeks

We will begin digging the footings for the new East Entry this next week. This will be a much needed facelift for our second most used door. Demolition started last week with construction continuing over the next two weeks.

Please NOTE: The East Door will be OPEN on Sundays!

Early Thanksgiving Eucharist – Nov. 19th @ 5:30pm @ St. Mark's on the Campus

St. Mark's invites us to join them to give thanks this Thanksgiving season. Join us at St. Mark's on the Campus at 5:30pm on Wednesday, 11/19.

We are celebrating this Thanksgiving Eucharist a week and a day early for the sake of those who wish to travel. There'll be prayers, worship, music and snacks to follow the service. No RSVP is required.



Youth Group News: November

Nov. 19: Youth Midweek Bible Study @ 7-8:30 pm

Our mid-week Bible study, Wednesday, Nov. 19th, is all about Deborah. She was a strong, independent leader who the people relied on because of her faith in God! Learn about how we can be inspired to be ON FIRE for God from her story.

Nov. 29: Youth Overnight Lock-In! 11/29 @ 7pm to 11/30 @ 9:15 am

You won't want to miss our first lock-in! We kick off at 7:00 pm. Youth can be dropped off at the East Door to the Parish Hall. We'll have dinner, games, crafts, movies, snacks, breakfast. . . and hopefully a little sleep too. We'll be having our Nerf Night as part



of this event, so feel free to invite your friends for a super-fun time! Then we'll go to 10:30 service the next morning.

More info is located on the TV info. table in the foyer.

Nov. 30: 2026 Youth Service Trip Info Mtg.

For all those interested in going with us to Santee at the end of May you'll want to be at our Santee Service Trip Informational Meeting right after church on Sunday, Nov. 30th from 11:30-12:30, downstairs in the Oasis Room.

Jan. 9-11: Youth Group IGNITE RETREAT

Register now for our first Retreat. We'll be at the Platte River

State Park, January 9-11. Register to reserve your spot today; we hope to see you there! Email darbyd@htlnk.org

Looking for Someone Called to Join the Children & Youth Ministry Team!

We are still praying and looking for someone to take Jane's place on the team. This is a part-time position for a team player involved in *all* of our programs.

As the Children's Ministry Lead, their primary focus will be Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and our new Family Worship program.

If you know someone passionate about kids, and experienced in education or ministry, feel free to send them to our website or pass on their name and contact info to Darby or Jill!

Email Darby at this address: <u>DarbyD@htlnk.orq</u>

We are Still Collecting Names for - All Saints Hall

We are up to about 3,000 names already – and we are only at about 1930. The search for names of ALL those who have been a part of this church, past, present, and future continues. If you have names that you think need to be on the Hall then will you write them down and send them to us?

Email your names to susane@htlnk.org.

Watch for More Info on our McPhee Giving Tree

We will be collecting Walmart gift cards in increments of \$25 or \$50 or cash/checks from now until December 14th. Make out a check to Holy Trinity, with "McPhee" in the memo line. We'll take it from there.



Looking Back... Over the Last Five Years God has done something miraculous here.

- We Have Grown by Over 93%.
 - God provided funds to begin the Master Plan.
 - God has raised up new leaders.



Looking Forward... God will Strengthen Us for Future Growth!

In 2026 we will focus on catching up. We will:

- Deepen our care for one another as a family of faith.
- Invite and Welcome ALL people to experience God for themselves here.
- Strive for excellence in our worship, our fellowship, and our faith.
- Grow our giving to catch up with our growth in people.
- Strengthen our administrative, physical, and human resources so that we can continue to grow our church.

Your Giving Helps Make That Happen, so that Holy Trinity can be:

A Church our Kids and Grandkids will Love to Visit, Experience God, and Stay.

We are Still Taking Pledges for 2026!

If you've already pledged then thank you! If you haven't yet gotten around to it, there is still time. You will find a pledge card in the pews. Grab it, fill it out, and then drop it into the basket at the foot of the stairs for us to bless!

You can also pledge online at our homepage. Just click on the slide with the **By Faith** logo on it.

NOTE: Remember this is not a contract, it is a declaration of intention. Life happens and you may not be able to keep it. That's okay. Most often, though, God honors our intention and provides.

- If you haven't pledged in the past, would you consider making a pledge this year?
- If you have pledged, will you increase your pledge by 10%?



Need a prayer? Text or call the Holy Trinity Prayer
Chain (531) 280-8515 or Email
holytrinityprayer10@gmail.com to ask for immediate
prayers or become involved in our prayer chain.

Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain will include them on our list for a total of two weeks. Please help keep us updated.

This week we pray for: Emilie; Kelly; John A.; Myles; Cheryl; David; Lori; Kameron; Lloyd; Julie S; Rod B; Lisa; Shannon; Don; Sara; Carrie C; Amy; Alessa; Jim; Paul, Ward, Lynn, Kevin; Pat H.; Sergio; JoAnn, Deana, Natalie, Mary T., Lindsey; Kacie and her small children; John C.; Amy; Sabrina; John B & family; Wade; George; Joseph; Bob B; Tami; Lucy, Aaron; Charlene; Marlene P.; Josh; Opal S.; Shawn; Richie F; Ann H.; Dow C.; Donna; Jackie H; Christopher; Tom H; Madison.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Robert (Bob) Neale.

In Thanksgiving we pray for November Birthdays

1st Koch Deng, 1st Gong Gai, 2nd Nancy Stara, 4th Mary Jo Boyce, 4th Emily David, 4th Dit Deng, 5th Mary Graft, 6th Jan Jacob, 6th Julie Silvertrust, 7th Teresa Evans, 7th Jeff Noble, 8th Ann Wahl, 9th Wel Achiek, 10th Lynn Bahm, 10th Matt Ludwig, 14th Patty Butler, 14th Nicole Sherer, 15th Landon Blair, 15th Nancy Youngman, 17th Danielle Kahler, 17th Mary Lu Long, 18th Lonny Zwickle, 20th Charlotte Liggett, 21st Austyn Meyer, 23rd Daniel Coffman, 23rd Luke Long, II, 23rd Anyier Malou, 25th Sharon Farmen, 25th Deb Sneller.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun Nov 16, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am His Story (MR)
9:15am Sunday School
Celebration Sunday (PH)
10:30am Children's Chapel
10:30am Family Worship
Service (S/PH)
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Online Service
11:30am Connection Corner
1:30pm Dinka Language
Worship (S/PH)
1:30pm Sudanese Sunday
School (MR)

Mon Nov 17, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm EFM (MR/PH) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR) 7pm Vestry (MR)

Tue Nov 18, 2025

12pm AA (U) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR) 6:30pm Community Bells (BR) 8pm Tues AA (U)

Wed Nov 19, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
12pm Al Anon (MR)
4pm DOK (MR)
6pm Adult Bells (BR)
6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)
7pm Occ. Hilarious (PH)
7pm Youth Group Bible Study

Thu Nov 20, 2025

8am Third Thursday Eucharist 12pm Thursday AA (U) 6pm Heartland Exercise (CHR)

Fri Nov 21, 2025

8:30am Organ lessons (S) 9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Nov 22, 2025

Sun Nov 23, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH) 8am Holy Eucharist (S) 9:15am His Story (MR) 10:30am Children's Chapel 10:30am Holy Eucharist (S) 10:30am Online Service 1:30pm Dinka Language Worship (S/PH)

