Christ the King Sunday November 23, 2025



Welcome to All Worshippers Today

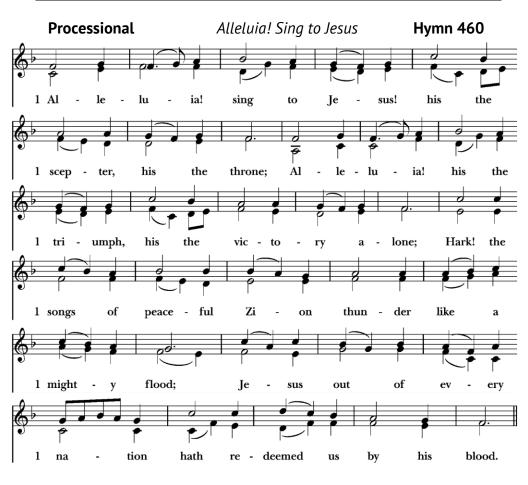
No matter where you come from or what you're going through,
No matter what you believe or what you doubt,
No matter whom you love;
You are welcomed to this place
To be met by a God who knows you by name,
Who knows your heart and mind,
And who wants to have a relationship with **YOU!**

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Staffed Nursery for our Smallest Guests

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



Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Children's Chapel: At the 10:30 service, we invite children through 5^{th} grade to follow the cross out to the children's chapel room after the processional. They will rejoin us at the announcement time for communion.

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

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 Gloria Hymn S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP 185

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

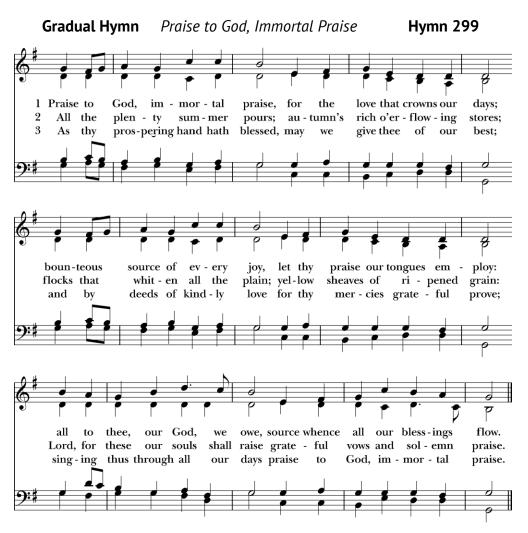
Luke 1:68-79 Read responsively by whole verse

- 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 servant 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 before him 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 knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.
- ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
- ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to quide our feet into the way of peace."

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

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.

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



Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³³When 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. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Nicene Creed All stand. BCP 358

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 387

- V. Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
- R. That we all may be one.
- V. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- R. That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- V. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- R. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- V. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
- R. That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- V. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- R. That our works may find favor in your sight.

- V. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- R. That they may be delivered from their distress.
- V. Give to the departed eternal rest;
- *R.* Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- V. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- R. May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- V. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the silence people may add their own petitions.

Together: Lord, thank you for all you have done at Holy Trinity and for all that still lies ahead. Strengthen us this day by your Holy Spirit, to boldly live **BY FAITH** so that all may know your love and grace as we do. Amen.

Confession of Sin Please kneel as you are able. **BCP 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace (please greet each other)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Blessings

Offertory We Gather Together Loretta Love

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

8:00am Sanctus (spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

The people stand, sit, or kneel

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

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me"

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify 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. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN. And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia

All Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. Follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform the ushers.

If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, please come forward and a priest will bless you and/or your kids.

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.



sh to use the If you wish to dip your cup, reach wafer in the wine,

Two options exist for receiving wine.

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

The Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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The Blessing



Dismissal

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Postlude

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Serving Today

Greeter/Ushers 8am

Gina Fountain
John Schomerus

Lectors 8am

John Schomerus Patt Harper

Chalice 8am

John Schomerus Rev. Verneda Kelly Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Greeter/Ushers 10:30am

Ellie Palmer Vivian Edwards

Lectors 10:30am

Donna Kahler Hector Coronado

Altar Guild

Amy Vyhlidal Babette Dickinson

Chalice 10:30am

Sue Everett Cheryl Hejl David Schmitter Rev. John Long Rev. Verneda Kelly Rev. Dr. Clay Lein

Coffee Shepherd

John Schomerus



The Order of the Daughters of the King is a Community of Prayer

Today we are admitting Shawna Atteberry as another sister in the Daughters of the

King. This Anglican order is an international spiritual sisterhood for women and girls who are members of churches in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA), and Roman Catholic traditions.

The order focuses on a lifelong commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism, guided by a "Rule of Life". Its members strive to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others, strengthening both their own spiritual lives and their parishes.

The group prays daily but meets once a month on the 3rd Wednesday from 4-5pm in the Memorial Room. For more info contact MaryLu Long at 402-429-1021.

Master Plan Update:

Working Hard to Open All Saints Hall for Christmas

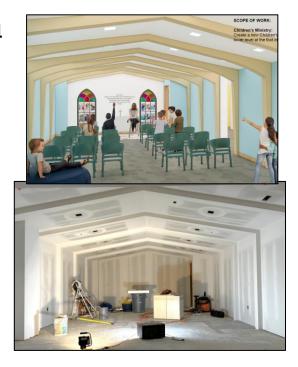
It'll be tight, but we think we can do it. If you've driven by the west entry, you've seen progress. The brick is almost done and

the ramps and stairs have been poured. Drywall is going in and windows should go up in early December. Please keep this project in your prayers so that we can open wide the doors for our Christmas Eve worship services.



The Children's Chapel is Getting Close

The children's chapel downstairs looks great. The walls and ceiling are being painted this week and next. Then carpet, and trim, and lighting, and voila – a new children's chapel.



East Entry Construction for Next Two Weeks

We are doing a facelift on our second most-used door. It will look great, provide better lighting and weather protection.



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

Building Dedication and Consecration will take place on Sunday Feb. 22nd with Bishop Barker.

Please put this date on your calendar. You'll want to be here for this historic moment.

On the Sunday, Feb. 22nd the Bishop of our diocese will be here for worship. At the 9:15am Sunday School hour he will be downstairs in the Children's Chapel to dedicate the space - with the kids. At 10:30 am we'll be praying for All Saints Hall during the worship service.

Youth Group News: November

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

Stewardship 2026 Pledge Update:

As of November 19th, 2025 we received:

90 pledges totaling \$310,490

Thank you to all those who have already pledged. This is an <u>awesome start</u>. Thanks for your generosity!



We are at 75% of the number of pledges from last year.

And we are at 84% of total pledged last year.

So, we've still got a way to go.

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.

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%?

Holy Trinity Continues to be a Blessing!

Be part of the "McPhee Giving Tree" Before Dec. 15th

Holy Trinity is continuing our tradition of helping the families of McPhee Elementary School during the upcoming holiday season.

We are collecting Walmart gift cards in increments of \$25 or \$50 or cash/checks from now until December 15th. You can simply make out a check to Holy Trinity, and write "McPhee" in the memo line.

Your generosity has made a profound difference in the lives of so many needy families of McPhee. The teachers and



staff at McPhee know how much Holy Trinity loves, cares and prays for them and their students. You are a Blessing!

We Need Your Help: Fall Clean-up Day:



Saturday, December 6th

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 9 to 11:00 am

Bring: Gloves, safety glasses, rakes, shovels, buckets, empty trash cans, pruners, and loppers!

Signup in the narthex, or just show up!



Remembering & Celebrating Loved Ones at Christmas

Thinking ahead to Christmas, consider remembering or celebrating your loved ones through a gift of flowers. Your donation for flowers may be in any amount.

If you wish to make this gift of flowers and include your inscription in the Christmas Eve bulletin, fill out this form and return it with your **donation check** to the church office by:

Sunday, December 14, 2025

1.	Is your gift: celebration thanksgiving memory
	Print Name of Person(s) you are honoring (include first and t name but no titles):
	Print Name(s) of those making gift (include first and last me but no titles):

- 4. Please make your check payable to The Church of the Holy Trinity and write in the memo line that your gift is for "Christmas Flowers." You may either:
- Drop it in the offering plate
- Drop it off at the office
- Mail it to:

The Church of the Holy Trinity 6001 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510.

If you have any questions, please call Roxane Graham, 402-540-4294, or email gma-bowler@hotmail.com

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: Bryan; Lisa; 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.

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 23, 2025

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

Mon Nov 24, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 6pm EFM (MR/PH)

Tue Nov 25, 2025

12pm AA (U) 2pm Sr. Coffee Hour (PH/MR) 6:30pm Community Bells (BR) 8pm Tues AA (U)

Wed Nov 26, 2025

9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 12pm Al Anon (MR) 6pm Adult Bells (BR)

Thu Nov 27, 2025 Offices Closed 12pm Thursday AA (U)

Fri Nov 28, 2025 Offices Closed 8:30am Organ lessons (S) 9:30am Exercise Class (PH) 11:30am UNL Home FB Game 7:30pm Friday night AA (U)

Sat Nov 29, 2025 7pm Youth Group Lock-In

Sun Nov 30, 2025

8am Coffee Hour (PH)
8am Holy Eucharist (S)
9:15am His Story (MR)
9:15am No Sunday School
10:30am Children's Chapel (CC)
10:30am Holy Eucharist (S)
10:30am Livestream Service
11:30am Service Trip Info Meeting
(OR)

1:30pm Dinka Language Worship 1:30pm Sudanese Sunday School

PH-Parish Hall S-Sanctuary

MR-Memorial Room

CC-Children's Chapel

OR-Oasis Room (downstairs)

CR- Choir Room (downstairs)

U-Undercroft/Downstairs

BR-Bell Room

Find updated calendar of events

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