

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

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All Saints Sunday

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)

**Our worship service will also be recorded
and will be available on our website www.tlcsparta.org**



Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Ringin of the Bell

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: *What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

ELW 776

***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.

KYRIE:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



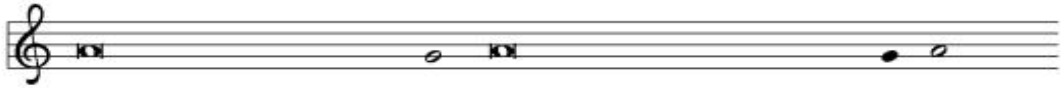
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister

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

All

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**

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.

Special Music: *Alleluia Choir*

Children's Message

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
²**I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.
⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**
⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

*Gospel Acclamation



This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5TH chapter

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**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *For All the Saints VS 1,2,6,7*

ELW 422

***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**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you

Offering – *“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”* (1 Corinthians 4:2)

***Offertory:** *We Are an Offering*

ELW #692

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving Page 152



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Page 153**



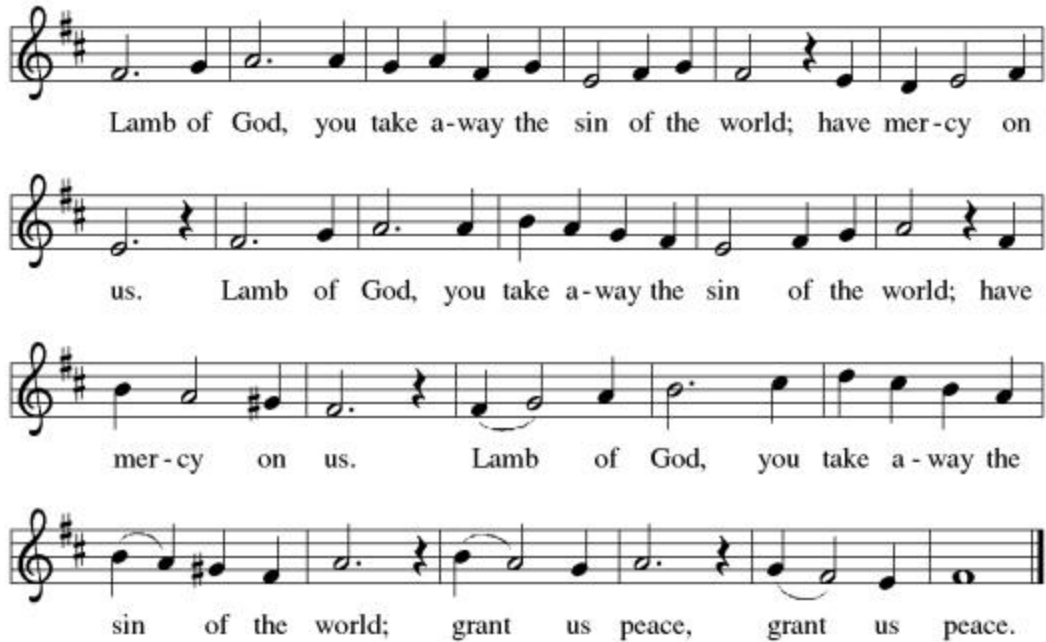
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

***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.

Distribution of Communion:



Distribution Hymn: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* (ELW 494)

***Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

The Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine!” Let us pray . . . O God, we remember with thanksgiving those whom we have loved, and who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors. And we remember with thanksgiving those who have been baptized.

Keep us in union with all your saints and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now live forever with Christ.
*(The names of those who have died this past year are read.
A candle lit, and the bell rung.)*

Washed in the waters, joined to Christ in his death and life, we give thanks for those newly baptized. *(The names of those baptized in the last year are read.
A candle lit, and the bell rung.)*

The congregation is invited forward to light candles remembering family & friends who shared life on earth and now share in the eternal life of Jesus Christ.

Hear the words of St. Paul: “When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his!” **Amen!**

***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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS 950

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Attendance for Sunday, October 29: 148

<u>November 5, 2023</u>	<u>November 12, 2023</u>
Greeters: Ken & Marcia Thielker	Greeters: Mark & Krista Sherin
Reader: Brittany Michalski	Reader: Stacey Markuson
Communion: Michelle Hyatt-Julie Ender	No communion
Music: Adell Morton	Music: Virginia Bolin
Coffee Fellowship: Opportunity to serve	Coffee Fellowship: Opportunity to serve
Flower Pick Up – Friday, Nov. 10: Steve & Judy Bernett	Flower Pick Up = Friday, Nov. 17: Steve & Judy Bernett
Pew Restocking – Month of Nov.: Phil & Diane Dammen	Pew Restocking – Month of Nov.: Phil & Diane Dammen
Money Counting – November 6: Fred Olsen-Nancy Oswald-Gail Baltz	Money Counting – November 13: Alton Ask-Audrey Zebell-Janell Moskonas
Altar Team – Month of November: Linda Erickson & Judy Schure	Altar Team – Month of November: Linda Erickson & Judy Schure
Food Pantry: Nov. 8: Jo Ellen Siver & Rita Bernette	Food Pantry: November 15: Karen Hernandez and Julie Erickson
Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery November 10: Morrow Home: Nila Larson Rolling Hills: Carol Thorsen	Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery November 17: Morrow Home: Cynthia Lockington Rolling Hills: Gary & Betty Peterson



In Loving Memory of those who died this year...

<i>Luella M. Greeno</i>	<i>January 5, 2023</i>
<i>Shirley Harris</i>	<i>April 1, 2023</i>
<i>Larry D. Hopkins</i>	<i>April 27, 2023</i>
<i>Allen Huber</i>	<i>May 14, 2023</i>
<i>Eleanor Hansen</i>	<i>June 11, 2023</i>
<i>Mary Ellen Lemelin</i>	<i>August 2, 2023</i>

They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come. Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us. Bless the memories of your saints, God. May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Those baptized this year...

<i>Kaiyla Endres</i>	<i>February 26, 2023</i>
<i>Owen Lee-Frederick Endres</i>	<i>February 26, 2023</i>
<i>Emilia Jean Endres</i>	<i>February 26, 2023</i>
<i>Everly Rae Endres</i>	<i>February 26, 2023</i>
<i>Kortney Irene Steinhoff</i>	<i>April 30, 2023</i>
<i>Isaiah Leis</i>	<i>August 13, 2023</i>
<i>Zayda Marie Holliday</i>	<i>October 8, 2023</i>



* Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands