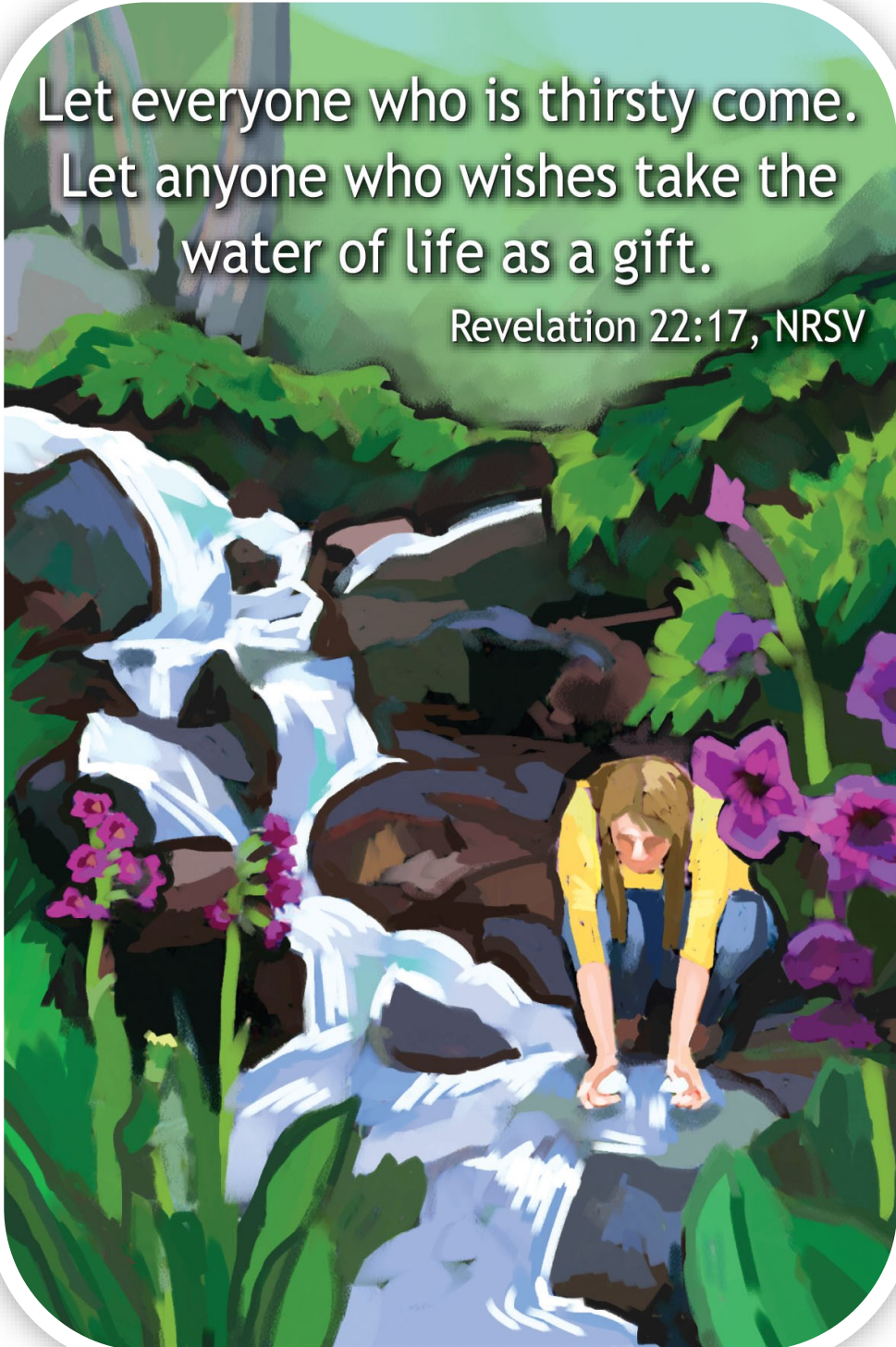


Let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the  
water of life as a gift.

Revelation 22:17, NRSV





Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.  
We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **It's a vision of heaven**

**November 9, 2025**

**Trinity 21**

This life is not easy. It is difficult. At times it can seem overwhelming. This service God asks us to put everything aside and took a good look at what he wants to show us. It's a vision of heaven. And it's exactly what we need, especially when we are experiencing how difficult this life is.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [holytrinity.church](http://holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE—MARTIN LUTHER'S GERMAN MASS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 148 (NIV)**

*The congregation speaks the words in **bold**.*

Praise the LORD.

**Praise the LORD from the heavens,  
praise him in the heights above.**

Praise him, all his angels,  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.**

He set them in place for ever and ever;  
he gave a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,  
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
stormy winds that do his bidding,

**you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,**

wild animals and all cattle,  
small creatures and flying birds,

**kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,**

young men and maidens,  
old men and children.

**Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

He has raised up for his people a horn,  
the praise of all his saints,  
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

**Praise the LORD.**

### CONFESSION

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn 934 Kyrie! God, Father*



Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, you a - bound in gra - cious love,

of all things the mak-er and pre-serv-er. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky-ri-e! O Christ our King, sal-va-tion for all you came to bring.

O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, our me-di-a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne,

hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, guard our faith, the

gift we need the most, and bless our life's last hour that we leave this

sin-ful world with glad-ness. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn 936 All Glory Be to God Alone stanzas 3,4



3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, our  
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; have  
Fa - ther, the Al - might - y One, O Lord, the  
mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. You take the  
sole - be - got - ten One, Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
whole world's sin a - way; O lis - ten to the  
Fa - ther's Son, true God from all e - ter - ni -  
prayer we say. You sit at God's right hand each  
ty, O Lamb of God, to you we flee.  
day; have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

### First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

“For I will create new heavens and a new earth;  
the past events will not be remembered or come to mind.  
Then be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people.  
The sound of weeping and crying will no longer be heard in her.  
In her, a nursing infant will no longer live only a few days,  
or an old man not live out his days.  
Indeed, the one who dies at a hundred years old

will be mourned as a young man,  
and the one who misses a hundred years will be considered cursed.  
People will build houses and live in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They will not build and others live in them;  
they will not plant and others eat.  
For my people's lives will be like the lifetime of a tree.  
My chosen ones will fully enjoy the work of their hands.  
They will not labor without success or bear children destined for disaster,  
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD along with their descendants.  
Even before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like cattle,  
but the serpent's food will be dust!  
They will not do what is evil or destroy  
on my entire holy mountain," says the LORD.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Lesson: Revelation 22:1-5**

Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

Hymn 596 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray stanzas 1,2

1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
for the true faith need - ed on our way  
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow  
that when life is end - ing he may de - fend us, on our  
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, ev - 'ry  
home - ward jour - ney at - tend us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
stran - ger, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!

**Gospel: Luke 20:27-38**

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up and questioned him: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother has a wife, and dies childless, his brother should take the wife and produce offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died without children. Also the second and the third took her. In the same way, all seven died and left no children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For all seven had married her."

Jesus told them, "The children of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are counted worthy to take part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. For they can no longer die, because they are like angels and are children of God, since they are children of the resurrection. Moses even indicated in the passage about the burning bush that the dead are raised, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead but of the

living, because all are living to him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn 885    There Is a Higher Throne*



1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;



where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.  
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.



Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;



be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
the Lamb be - comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

*Refrain*



Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an - them rings through



em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies; their prais - es rise.



All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are



to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

## Sermon— Revelation 22:1-5

*It's a vision of heaven*

Hymn 940 *We All Believe in One True God*



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, who from both for -



Ho - ly Ghost, ev - er - pres - ent help in need,  
Mar - y's Son, who de - scend - ed from his throne  
e'er pro - ceeds, who up - holds and com - forts us



praised by all the heav'n - ly host, by whose might - y  
and for us sal - va - tion won, by whose cross and  
in all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly



pow'r a - lone all is made and wrought and done.  
death are we res - cued from all mis - er - y.  
Trin - i - ty, praise to you e - ter - nal - ly!

### OFFERING

*The ability to give from the heart is itself a gift from God. We thank God for the means to give. Even more, we thank God for the motive to give. Christ gave himself for us. We give as Christians out of love for Christ.*

*You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.*

*The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.*

*Thank you for your offerings.*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Heavenly Father, you know all about us. You know our past and our present. You know what our future holds. Though we do not know what it holds, it is enough to know that you love us. In quietness and confidence, we place our lives into your hands. Strengthen our faith, and help us to understand your everlasting love.

**C: Grant us the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding.**

P: God of glory, eternal King, help us to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and to cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer,

**C: so that when the day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming on the clouds.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather to celebrate the Testament of our Lord, let us take to heart the words of Christ by which he imparted to us his body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

Let us remember and give thanks for his boundless love, which he proved to us when he redeemed us from God's wrath, from sin, death, and from hell

by his own precious blood.

Let us faithfully confess that in this bread and wine—which are his body and blood—we receive the pledge and guarantee of his forgiveness.

Let us receive and enjoy this Sacrament according to the command that Christ gave, and glorify the name of the one who has so richly blessed us with this meal.

*Hymn 943 Isaiah, Mighty Seer*

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, the Lord of all in spir-it  
did be-hold high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with robes that  
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;  
six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him. With two they veiled their  
fac-es as was right, with two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,  
and with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and  
praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is  
God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav’n-ly hosts!

His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels  
trem - bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### Hymn 947 *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy stanza 3*

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
All sin you car - ried for us, else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*Please be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.*

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Hymn 673 O Lord, We Praise You stanzas 2,3*



2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor



life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of  
geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this

that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Lord, your love and kind - ness did move you; let your  
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that

sup - per move us to love you. All our debt you have paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see

peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Accompanist: Dave Kriewall

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## Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

### **From Pastor Brauer**

Thank you to the congregation for the many expressions of love and thanks to my family and me in recent weeks. You are very kind.

### **New Bible class**

Today we will begin a new Bible study on the Christian's relationship with science. How do we view science and talk about it as Christians? Part of the course will be taught by Mark Tacke and Steve Thiesfeldt, both retired science professors from Martin Luther College. On November 9 Pastor Brauer will walk us through the account of creation in Genesis chapter 1.

### **Thanksgiving potluck**

We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together with a potluck meal on Sunday, November 23, in the gym after second service. Please bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to share. Coffee and juice will be provided. We will also recognize our church's 60th anniversary with a slide show. All are invited.

### **Food Bank donations**

We would like to begin collecting items for a local food bank. Items they could use include: non-perishable food, diapers, wipes, formula, and personal care items, such as toothpaste, soap and shampoo. Look for a collection barrel in the entry way. You may contact our evangelism chairman, Del Valerio, with questions at (253) 653-4510 or *del.valerio@comcast.net*.

### **Book fair**

Our school's Book Fair starts today. You are invited to shop after each service in the fellowship hall. In addition to shopping today, you are also invited to shop Thursday, November 13, 12:30-7:30 p.m., and Friday, November 14, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. See the weekly email for a link to purchase online.

### **This week at Holy Trinity.**

Today ..... 9:00 a.m. Book fair  
Today ..... 11:30 a.m. Book fair  
Wednesday ..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class  
Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m. Bible information class