



Sunday, November 12, 2023

Pentecost 24

Theme of the Day:

The End Times: A Time for Watchfulness

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

493 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

CW 493

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Please stand.

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. 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, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

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

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

The nation of Israel was sleepwalking through life, exhausted by their present problems. "Awake!" the prophet cries. Israel is to watch for the coming redemption.

¹Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. ²Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive. ³For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." ⁴For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

“At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. ⁵“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. ⁶Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

90A Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

Spoken responsively.

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

C: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: You turn people back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”

C: A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

P: Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

C: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Text: Mark Haas, alt.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

St. Paul teaches how we should wait for Jesus to return. Be watchful. Don't fall asleep. Live as children of the light.

¹Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

Alleluia. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

The wise, those who are watching and ready for the Bridegroom, enter into the great wedding banquet.

¹“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ ⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ ⁹“ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ ¹²“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ ¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

870 O Church, Arise *CW 870*

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Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Theme: Keep it topped off!

- 1) Not just in emergency**
- 2) With the right kind of oil**

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church

P: O Lord of hosts, eternal, immortal, and invisible King, we praise and thank you for protecting your people through your holy angels, who always behold your face and worship your majesty. Grant, we pray, as you have commanded them to do your will and to serve those who are the heirs of salvation, that they may also care for us that we may be delivered from every peril of body and soul that threatens us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful to the people of all nations, O Lord. And since you will reveal your Son Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels to take vengeance on all who have denied you and rejected your love in Christ, extend for the nations their time of grace so that they might come to believe and live eternally. Use us as messengers of your gospel to penetrate the powers of darkness and to bring many to glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Look on our own land with your favor. Give our citizens a love for what is true and right. Grant your blessing to all who have authority over us. Prosper our schools and colleges as they train many to proclaim your grace. Bless those who work with their minds and those who labor with their hands so that all human work may benefit your holy Church. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Direct your holy angels to serve all who are in want, trouble, pain, sorrow, disappointment, anxiety, or any other trouble. Comfort them with your power and grace. Grant that your presence may brighten our homes, that children may learn of your tender love, and that all parents may walk in the counsel of your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

P: May your holy angels serve you as they serve us and at the end of our lives lead them to carry us to the riches of paradise. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer. Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Please stand.

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Blessing

P: 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.

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Announcements

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God’s Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

WELS CONNECTION video will be shown after both services today.

PASTOR NOWAK has received a call from Zion Lutheran in Olivia, MN. Please keep his family, our congregation, and the congregation of Zion Lutheran in your prayers as he deliberates the call.

THANKSGIVING DAY worship is Thursday, November 23rd, at 9:30 a.m. God has given many reasons to give thanks – his and our victory over Satan’s lies is just another reason to be thankful!

DONATIONS: For the month of November there is a Diaper and/or New Toy Collection for the Alpha Pregnancy Help Center located in Columbus, Ohio. The toys are for children up to age 13. Also appreciated are \$5 gift cards for McDonalds, Wal-Mart, and 5 Below stores. Please put your donated items in the church basement near the door. If you have questions, feel free to contact Dawn Curth at 419-889-3597.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, November 13 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play. Grab a snack for your ride home.

LUTHER SOCIETY: We will meet after second service on November 19th to set up the Thanksgiving display and take it down after 2nd service on Nov. 26th. See you then!

ADVENT SERVICES: Who does not like receiving gifts at Christmas? God makes sure that we have plenty of gifts from his gracious hands. Let's explore the gifts that he gives us during our midweek Advent services starting on December 6 at 7 pm. The Advent and Christmas Theme will focus on God's Christmas Gifts. The first one is God's Christmas Gifts to us: A Tradition Worth Sharing. God's blessings on your Christmas preparations and celebrations.

MIDWEEK ADVENT MEALS Services will start on Wednesday, December 6th. We are looking for people to host meals for before the services. The 6th & 7th graders will be hosting the meal for the Early Childhood Christmas Eve Service on December 13th. Sliders will be served. Please contact the office or Lauren Siefker at 491.615.5991 if you are interested in hosting a meal on December 6th or 20th.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER Directors, Cindy and Mark Greiner, will be here at church on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. to share a PowerPoint about how The Center has opportunities to share Jesus. They will present about babies whose moms were abortion minded/abortion vulnerable and were able to go through the pregnancy with Alpha's help and support. They will also explain the ministry and how it has evolved from primarily much needed free pregnancy tests to primarily much needed diapers. All are encouraged to come. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at: curth2289@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY: The Luther Society will be creating a display for our Thanksgiving service to celebrate the blessings the Lord provides especially at harvest. Please have any items you would like to donate in the basement by November 19th. Please put them on the table next to the basement door or on the east counter in the kitchen. Any items not picked up after church on Nov. 26th will be donated to our church and school staff.

FALL HARVEST TIME: Celebrate Thanksgiving and Fall at our next Mornings with Mommy on Monday, November 20 and Tuesday November 21. Bring your children/grandchildren to play with corn, leaves, pumpkins, and gourds in our sensory bins, rake leaves, pick apples, and make an apple cinnamon painting. We meet in the church basement, and the program costs \$5 per family. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Under God's blessing, our ministry to our preschool-aged children has grown over the past couple of years. This year our preschool and kindergarten children will tell us about the promises that God has made to you. Join us for our Early Childhood Christmas Service on December 13th at 7pm and stay for fellowship afterwards.

THE LIMA FOOD BANK has lots of volunteer groups coming during the months of November and December. The next date for our Women's Ministry group to volunteer is on Wednesday, January 31 from 1:00-3:00. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to join us to pack boxes in January. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

AMAZON WISH-LIST: Are you an Amazon Shopaholic? TLS has a wish-list established on Amazon to help with the cost of some of our basic items, such as copy paper. Your generous donation will help keep our costs down. Please go to <https://a.co/0tGLM8s> to check out our list.

TIGER GEAR! TLS and TLC clothing is being offered for sale again this year. Items available include, men's and women's polos (sizes small to 2XL), long-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies in sizes youth to 2XL adult. If you are interested in purchasing, please pick up an order form by the Church St. doors and return the form to the school office by *November 21st*. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Women's Ministry is hosting an Advent by Candlelight entitled "The King Shall Come" on Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 PM. This is an evening of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season. Special music is planned for the evening including the hand bell choir, soloists, women's choir and piano duets. Join us for Christmas cookies and fellowship in the church basement afterwards. Sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to bring Christmas cookies or treats to share. We will also be putting together plates of cookies for shut-ins.

FREE LUNCH: Trinity children are invited to stay at church after their Christmas service practice on Saturday, December 16. A free lunch will be served in the church basement. After lunch, children (age 3 - 5th grade) are invited to participate in Christmas for Kids from 12:30-3:00 PM at school. Questions-- Lauren Siefker at 491.615.5991.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS is scheduled for Saturday December 16 from 12:30-3:00 PM. This one day Christmas VBS will give children an opportunity to celebrate and learn about the true meaning of Christmas. The program features activity stations where kids learn about the Savior's birth, praise him in song, make crafts, play games, and enjoy snacks together. The program is for children age 3 through 5th grade. Please register at tlcjenera.org. Click on "Upcoming Events." You can also pick up registration forms and flyers in the back of church. Please register by December 7. Questions-- contact Jenny Boehm (262) 391-7994.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help at Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 16 from 12:30-3:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, group leaders. We also need help serving lunch to Trinity's children at 11:30 after Christmas service practice in the church basement.

DAILY LECTIONARY

11.12: Jer 25:1-18, Matt 26:1-19

11.13: Jer 26:1-19, Rev 13:1-18, Matt 26:20-35

11.14: Jer 29:1-19, Rev 14:1-20, Matt 26:36-56

11.15: Jer 30:1-24, Rev 15:1-8, Matt 26:57-75

11.16: Jer 31:1-17,23-34, Rev 16:1-21, Matt 27:1-10

11.17: Jer 33:1-22, Jer 34:1-36:32, 45:1-51:64, Matt 27:11-32

11.18: Jer 37:1-21, Rev 17:1-18, Matt 27:33-56

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of November 5th)

Total Worship Attendance: 238, Early: 127, Late: 111, Adult Bible Class: 35, Sunday School: 42;
Teen Bible Class: 6; Mornings with Mommy: 70; Online worship service views for October 29th: 49

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through November 18th are the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, November 19th, will be the members of James Miles's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth – early
Richard & Cheryl Kretz – late

Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – early
Bob & Julie Inniger – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (November 12th through November 19th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30; WELS Connection; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class
9:20; Outreach 3:00

Mon Preschool Playtime 10:00

Tue Good Samaritan Bible Study 11:00; Church Council 7:00

Wed Choir 7:00

Thu Alpha Pregnancy Presentation 6:30

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20;
Outreach 3:00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun K-8 Sings at Immanuel

Wed Chapel 8:20; Toledo Walleye Game Field Trip 3rd-8th

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*