

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Saturday Worship 5:30 pm November 18, 2017





**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!** Please sign the red Worship Witness booklet to record your attendance with us this day, and indicate how many are communing. Then pass the booklet to the worshipers beside you in your row. If you are a guest, name tags are also available for you to wear---we would be delighted to greet you by name. When the service concludes, first-time guests are invited to go to the front desk in our Gathering Space---we have a welcome gift for you!

## about today's service

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

P: Pastor L: Lector C: Congregation

# + Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

Welcome

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 4 one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.
- C: Amen.
- P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

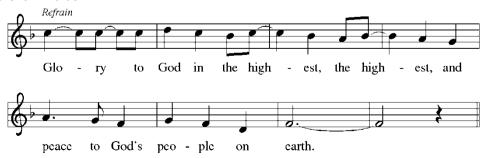
- P: O God, our merciful redeemer,
- C: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for + his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.
- C: Amen.

Hymn No. 715: Christ, Be Our Light"

#### Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

#### Canticle of Praise







Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Sit)

## + Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of His people.

Children's Message

Psalm for the Day Psalm 90:1-12

- L: Lord, through all the generations you have been our home!
- C: Before the mountains were created, before you made the earth and the world, you are God, without beginning or end.
- L: You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust!"
- C: For you, a thousand years are as yesterday! They are like a few hours!
- L: You sweep people away like dreams that disappear or like grass that springs up in the morning.
- C: In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered.
- L: We wither beneath your anger; we are overwhelmed by your fury.
- C: You spread out our sins before you—our secret sins—and you see them all.
- L: We live our lives beneath your wrath. We end our lives with a groan.
- C: Seventy years are given to us! Some may even reach eighty. But even the best of these years are filled with pain and trouble; soon they disappear, and we are gone.
- L: Who can comprehend the power of your anger? Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve.
- C: Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents, 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the around and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the around. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Pastor John H. Brock

Sermon: "Invest Wisely"

(Stand)

Hymn No. 785: When Peace Like a River

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 the Church

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

## + Meal +

When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

(Sit)

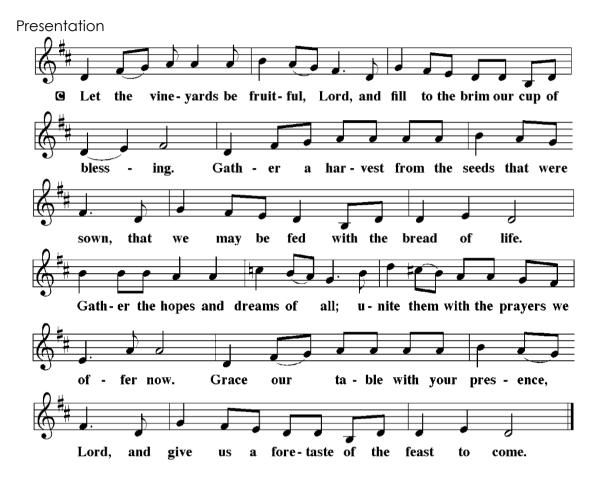
**Announcements** 

Mission Moment from YG

Max Hahn

Offering

Optional methods of giving: text an amount to 717-963-2281 (be sure to use a "\$"); use the Giving Station in the Gathering Space to donate by credit card.



### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Creator God,

C: you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

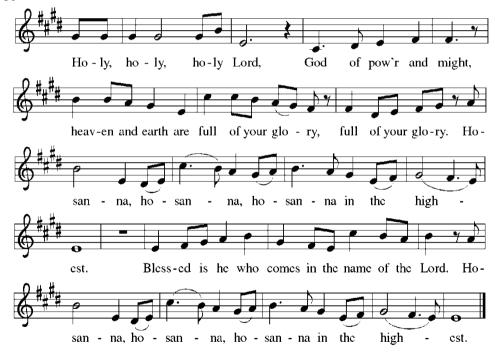
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus



P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David

fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: O God, you are Breath:

C: send your Spirit on this meal.

P: O God, you are Bread:

C: feed us with yourself.

P: O God, you are Wine;

C: warm our hearts and make us one.

P: O God, you are Fire:

C: transform us with hope.

P: Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

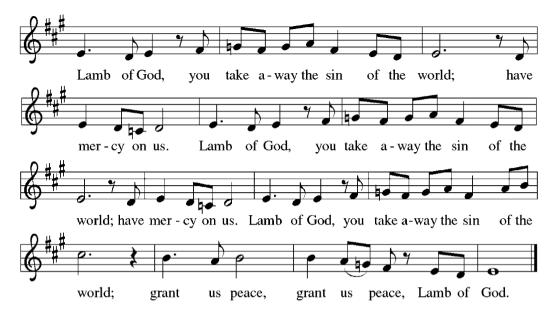
Invitation to Holy Communion

P: God fills the hungry with good things

C: Let us come to the feast.

(Sit)

#### Lamb of God



#### Sharing our Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. Please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. As a gesture of hospitality we use dealcoholized wine (less than .5% alcohol). In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request-please ask the pastor at the time of communion.

(Stand)

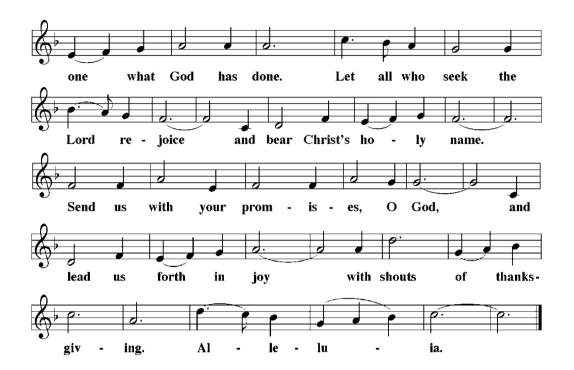
#### Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### C: Amen.

#### Post-Communion Canticle





### Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Mighty God, you are our fortress who leads us in mission and ministry to serve our neighbor in need. Thank you for your presence in this meal of love that unites and empowers us to worship, connect and serve. To you be all glory and honor.

C: Amen.

# + Sending +

We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts, and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

#### Blessing

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

#### Dismissal

P: Led by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress Used by permission of Auasburg Fortress License # 23686.

Sundays & Seasons, Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress License # 23686.

# worship leaders

**Presiding Minister:** 

Preacher:

Musician:

**Greeters:** 

**Lector/Communion Assistant:** 

Communion Assistant:

Cover art/design:

The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner The Rev. John H. Brock Ryan Hannigan, piano

> Margie Walson Dan Bowerman Angie Clark Amy Heinly



2000 chestnut street camp hill, pa 17011-5409

office: 717.737.8635 fax: 717.730.9297

trinluth@trinitycamphill.org

www.trinitycamphill.org

office hours: monday-friday, 9am-4pm

gathering space receptionist hours: sunday-thursday, 6pm-9pm

# worship notes

**Attendance at our services** last week was 779. Copies of last week's sermons are available on the tables in Fellowship Hall, in the narthex, the tract rack in the Gathering Space, and on our website. Our web address is: www.trinitycamphill.org

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall, the communion elements for all services, and the sanctuary lamp candle, the symbol of God's abiding presence, are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents by Frank and Linda Leber; Kenneth Marshall by Patty, Angie, and Shelley; Janice Hassinger by Donald Hassinger and Shirley Witt; Jon F. LaFaver by his wife, Janeen, daughter, Karen, and son, Mark.

United and empowered to worship, connect, serve.

#### **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

#### Staff

Lead Pastor – The Reverend Dr. Jack M. Horner
Ministry Director for Parish Life – The Reverend John H. Brock
Director of Congregation Care – The Reverend Dr. Guy S. Edmiston, Jr.

Interim Associate Pastor – The Reverend Jennifer A. Crist

Ministry Director for Music - H. Timothy Koch

Director of Youth and Student Ministries - Peter A. Fox

Director of Contemporary Music – Debra D. Wilson

Director of Faith Formation – Kelly C. Falck

Director of Children's Music - Amy L. Koch

Director of Preschool – Heather F. Rose

Ministry Director for Communications – Stephanie G. Maurer

Office Manager - Nancy J. Martin

Ministry Director for Finance and Property – Paul A. Hensel

Administrative Assistant for Ministry – Thomas A. Notestine

Sunday Morning Receptionist – Criss Floray

Evening Receptionists – Lori Anne McBride, Glenn Plott, Beth Hinkle

Sextons – Russell Brown, La'Mont Randolph

#### **Congregation Council Members**

Rob Bertram – *President*Dave Maser – *Vice-President*Dave Reeser – *Secretary*Mike Finio

Steve Kauffman
Anne Stafford
Mike Finio

Barbara Kriebel

Charlie Suhr

#### **Administrative Committee Chairs**

Administration & Personnel – Mike Finio Finance – Dave Miller

Property – Charles Suhr Strategic Planning – Bob Frymoyer

## **Ministry Team Facilitators**

Arts – Mary Haar Parish Ministry – Donna Sprowls

Education Ministry – Kelly MacConnell Pub. & Communication – Danelle Andrews

Fellowship – Kathy Holmes Social Ministry – Mitzi Jones Hospitality Stewardship – Dave Maser

IT / AV – Jonathan Lobaugh Worship – Jane Killian

Missions Youth – Sarah Fogg

#### **Call Committee**

Ryan Argot Kathy Holmes Jake Miller, chair
Debbie Balasundram Joe Hunter Margaret Parker
Bruce Bigelow Shannon Jones Karen Yeager

Sarah Hancock