Blessed are
the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are
those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are
the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are
those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are
the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are
the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are
the peacemakers,
for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are
those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3–10

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Faithful Through the Years
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

All Saints Day

November 1st - anno Domini 2026

The gospel is always relevant to our lives, because every trouble in life is a consequence of sin, and the gospel is the forgiveness of sins. When Christ says, "Rejoice!" or "Don't Weep!" it is always relevant, because behind these words is his own deep compassion by which he bore our sins in his own body, paying what we owed. This is the gospel. This is what makes sinners into saints by replacing their guilt and sadness with the righteousness and joy of Christ. The gospel is not mere head knowledge. It is the revelation of God's righteousness received through faith. We therefore live by it (Rom 1:16-17). This means that the gospel applies to us in our concrete situations. "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Jesus is not here stating some mere theory or opinion. He is not telling you how to earn his blessings. He is rather comforting those who won't be comforted by anything else. He is meeting them in their real pain and mourning, and he is blessing them. He addresses those who boast in nothing of their own and he promises them the earth. He meets those who long to be freed from their sins, and he satisfies them with his own righteousness. He speaks directly to those who desire mercy, and he gives them what they desire. He doesn't assume that those whose hearts have been cleansed by faith don't still need to be nurtured by his Word; so he strengthens them with his promise that they will see God. He comforts those who lament discord and desire peace with the promise of their heavenly Father. And to those who are hated for speaking his truth, he promises joy beyond measure.

The gospel applies to our situations in life. God saves us through faith apart from works. But he always saves us within the context of our lives and hardships. He saves women in their vocation as mothers (1 Tim 2:14). He comforts widows in their distress. He is the Father to the fatherless. He counts every tear and collects them in a bottle (Ps. 56:8). He considers every labor, every loss, every anguish and affliction, every sigh, and he saves those who are crushed in heart (Ps. 34:18). He constantly proves that his gospel is relevant.
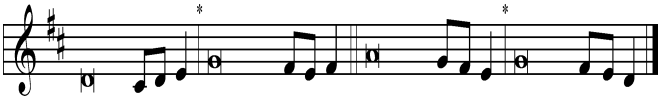
DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service**.

The Order of Holy Communion
TLH p. 15

Hymn of Invocation *Fear Not, Saith Christ, Be Not Afraid* *(Insert)*
Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution *pg. 15*
Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
(Revelation 7:14b)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God. *(Psalm 31:1, 3, 5)*
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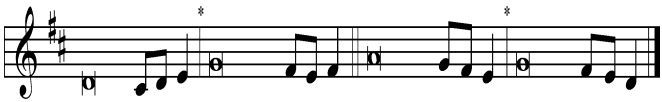
Gloria Patri *Glory be to the Father* *pg. 6*
Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy*
Gloria in Excelsis *Glory to God in the Highest*
Salutation & Collect of the Day
Sit

First Reading- Revelation 7:9-17

9 After that I saw a large crowd that no one could count, from every *nation, tribe, people, and language* standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes, with palms in their hands. 10 And they called out loud: "We are saved by our *God Who sits on the throne* and by the Lamb!"
11 All the angels stood around the throne, around the elders and *the four living beings*, and *bowed down* before the throne, with their faces to the ground, *worshiped God*, 12 and said: "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, strength be to our God forever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders turned to me and asked, "These people dressed in white robes — who are they and where did they come from?"
14 And I answered him, "Sir, you know."
Then he told me, "They are the people who have come through great suffering, who have *washed* their *robes* and made them white in *the blood of the Lamb*. 15 That is why they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple, and

He Who sits on the throne will spread His tent over them. [16] *They will never be hungry or thirsty again*, and *the sun or any heat will never burn them*, [17] because the *Lamb before the throne will be their Shepherd,* and He *will lead them to springs of the water of life*. And *God will wipe every tear from their eyes*."

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
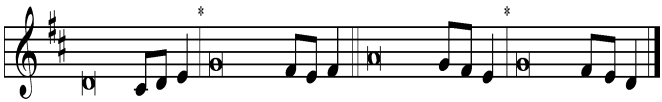


Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion. *(Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5)*

The Epistle – 1 John 3:1-3

See how the Father has loved us — we are called God's children, and that's what we are. The world doesn't know us, because it didn't know Him. [2] Dear friends, we are now God's children, but it hasn't yet been shown what we're going to be. We know that when it will be shown, we'll be like Him because we'll see Him as He is. [3] And everyone who trusts Him for this purifies himself as He is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**



Stand

Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.*
Alle- / luia.
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of | witnesses,*
let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alle- | luia.
(*Heb 12:1-2*)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel -Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up the hill. And when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. [2] Then He began to teach them:

3 "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit — the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
4 Blessed are those who mourn — they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are those who are gentle — they will own the land.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to be righteous — they will be satisfied.
7 Blessed are those who are merciful —
they will find mercy.
8 Blessed are those whose hearts are pure — they will see God.
9 Blessed are those who make peace — they will be called God's sons.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing right — the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, lie and tell only evil about you on account of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven. That's how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed *pg. 22*
Sit
Hymn of the Day ⁘ *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White* *TLH #656*
Sermon
Stand
Offertory *pg. 12*
Sit

Gathering of the Offering
Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward
We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Prayers

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface & Proper Preface *pg. 24*
Sanctus ⁘ *Holy, Holy, Holy* *pg. 26*
Lord's Prayer *pg. 27*
Words of Institution
Pax Domini ⁘ *Peace of the Lord* *pg. 27*
Agnus Dei ⁘ *Lamb of God* *pg. 28*
Sit – Guests are asked to please speak with the pastor before communing.
Hymns during Distribution
⁘ *I Come O Savior to Thy Table* *TLH #315*
⁘ *For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest* *TLH #463*

Stand after the distribution

Nunc Dimittis ~ *Song of Simeon* *pg. 29*
Thanksgiving & Collect *pg. 30*
Salutation & Benedicamus *pg. 31*
Benediction *pg. 31*
Sit
Hymn to Depart ~ *Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils are Ended* *TLH #589*
Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Matthew Otten, David Otten, Alton Swann
Next week: Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads, Jacob Preus
Greeter for today: Andrew Rethemeyer
Next Week: Larry Scheer
Acolyte today: Nolan Pelster
Next Week: Robert Preus
Flower and Altar Care: November: Leah Preus, Linda Rethemeyer, Grace Otten
Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Julie Otten, recovering from a stroke. Bill Horne, Wayne Scheer, and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Ersland, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Karson Eads, 3rd
(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Coat Distribution
On **Monday evening, November 9, 6:00 p.m**. we need able-bodied volunteers—teenagers, men, and women to assist with the multi-step process to prepare for our Coat Distribution on Saturday, November 14.
Step 1: Over 100 coats must be tagged and sorted by type (man, woman, child) and size at Lisa Scheer's home, 2201 Weber Heights, Washington. Please bring your own bottled beverage as Lisa will order pizzas etc. for 6 p.m. delivery to feed the volunteers before we begin.
Step 2: All 175+ coats and several racks must be transported to church, which will require numerous vehicles to avoid multiple trips.
Step 3: At church, racks must be unloaded and set up and then all coats must be placed on the racks, sorted by type and size. We hope to finish all 3 steps on November 9, but if we don't, the remainder will be handled on Thursday evening, November 12.
If you can help us on Monday, November 9, please let Lisa know via email (lisascheer@att.net) or text (573-999-5759) or by calling that number so she can order the food. Please note any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

On **Saturday, November 14, 3:30-7:30 p.m.**, we will conclude our Centennial Coat project with our Coat Distribution Day. Thanks to everyone who donated a coat. Anyone in need is welcome to choose from over 175 coats, including multiple sizes of men's, women's and children's coats. The coats, chili and hot dogs will be available in the Trinity's lower level. Please spread the word to all in need in New Haven or elsewhere in the vicinity!

The Church Records Need Your Help: Every member of Trinity has an information file, some files are missing important information, i.e., confirmation date, baptism dates, birthdays, current email addresses, cell phone numbers, etc. We would like for you to take the envelope with you and/or your family's file in it. They are all on the table as you enter church. Fill in the blanks on the paper file or email office@trinitynewhaven.com for a digital file and fill it out digitally, then email it back to church. Return all paper forms to Ruth Rethemeyer, Carol Finck or Carolyn Scheer. We would really like to see all of your files brought up to date, so we can all stay connected.

Snack and sugar free drink donations are welcome for Midweek Confirmation Classes. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back of church. Donations can be left in the kitchen. If you would rather supply a monetary gift and have the Confirmation teachers purchase something, give your donation to Patty Swann.

Grass cutting - A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Volunteers, please pick out some dates and sign-up. If you are unable to cut personally, you can make a donation, and some young volunteers will cut for you. See Roger Helling if you have questions.

SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the collection of Wedding, Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are $2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

The Power and Primacy of the Pope

**A TREATISE COMPILED
BY THE THEOLOGIANS ASSEMBLED
AT SMALCALD IN THE YEAR 1537**

Testimony of History

[12] VI. The Council of Nicaea resolved that the bishop of Alexandria should administer the churches in the East and the Roman bishop the suburban churches, that is, those in the Roman provinces in the West. From this start by a human law (i.e., the resolution of the council), the authority of the Roman bishop first arose. If the Roman bishop already had the superiority by divine law, it would not have been lawful for the council to take away any right from him and transfer it to the bishop of Alexandria. No, all the bishops of the East should always have sought ordination and confirmation from the bishop of Rome.

[13] VII. The Council of Nicaea also determined that bishops should be elected by their own churches, in the presence of one or more neighboring bishops. [14] This was observed also in the West in the Latin churches, as Cyprian and Augustine testify. For Cyprian says in his fourth letter to Cornelius:

So as for the divine observance and apostolic practice, you must carefully keep and practice what is also observed among us and in almost all the provinces. To celebrate ordination properly, whatever bishops of the same province live near by should come together with the people for whom a pastor is being appointed. The bishop should be chosen in the presence of the people, who most fully know the life of each candidate. We have seen this done among us at the ordination of our colleague Sabinus. By the vote of the entire brotherhood and by the judgment of the bishops who had assembled in their presence, the bishop's office was conferred and hands were laid on him.

https://bookofconcord.cph.org/en/power-and-primacy-of-the-pope/
Continued next Sunday