

All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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.

Praise Songs

He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise. I will say,

“This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice for
He has made me glad.”

He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He is the King of Glory

He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.

Lift up your head; be lifted up,
And the King of Glory shall come in.
Lift up your head; be lifted up,
And the King of Glory shall come in.

He is the King of Glory, strong and mighty is He.
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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

First Reading ***Wisdom 3:1-9***

Please be seated

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will

govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel ***John 11:32-44***

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Choir Anthem

Give Me A Grateful Heart

Meditation

Hymn of the Day

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda, Ralph, Shirley, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud: *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pastor Sohail's South Asian worship community, as we welcome and serve our neighbors in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.}

Hymn before Communion (*sung*)

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able

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

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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 upon you with favor and give you peace, † in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn (*next page*)

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;



yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Prayers and Announcements

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Thank you: To Charlie Schmidtke for leading us in worship today. We look forward to hearing your message, Charlie.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Don Grabau.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Today's Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God from the Geschwender family in memory of Elizabeth Hendel Bleekman.

Chicken Chowder Sale: Thank you to everyone who brought ingredients, helped with preparation, and volunteered to help yesterday with the chowder sale!

All Saints Sunday: Today we are surrounded by clouds of witnesses on the sanctuary walls, and we remember those who have died, including Dorothy Ehlers, Wayne Yendall, Marlene Farron, David Miske, Robert Miske, Harry Fackelman, and Robert Shick.

Adult Education: The next two classes are listed below. Classes start at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.** The focus this year will be biblical pairs and trios.

Monday, November 4 Jacob, Leah and Rachel

Monday, November 18 David, Bathsheba and Abigail

Election Day Bake Sale: We will be hosting our annual baked goods sale this Election Day, **Tues, Nov. 5**, from 6 am – sold out. Baked goods are needed and can be dropped off next **Sunday, Nov. 3 or Monday, Nov. 4**. We also need volunteers to staff the sale – please use the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board.

Thanksgiving Dinner Collection: Again this year, we are teaming up with Good Shepherd to help families in our community prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. We are hoping to assemble at least 5 dinners here at TOL – there's a list of supplies needed in the narthex. Deadline to bring in food/cash donations for Thanksgiving Dinner is next **Sunday, November 10**. Thank you!

Women's Luncheon Group: We will meet next on **Thursday, November 14**, at Sheridan Family Restaurant. If you need a ride, or have any questions, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. All are invited!

WWI News: We will have a pizza party following worship on **Sunday, Nov. 17**. Come join us for some yummy pizza, and wonderful fellowship with your Church family. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

Sermon Discussion/input: Meets again on **Wednesday, November 27 at noon**. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

Mission for November: The Veterans One-stop Center of WNY, which brings people, resources and organizations together to improve the quality of life for those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and their families. Thank you for your donations to this important organization.

Friends of Night People: Our volunteer teams continue to prepare and deliver 100 sandwiches per week! Besides donations of peanut butter and jelly, you can help the homeless by collecting winter items. They need thermal clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, boots, hand and foot warmers, gloves, hats, hygiene items, lip balm and

travel mugs (so guests can take hot cocoa or coffee with them when they leave the facility). Please place your donations in the blue barrel in the hallway. Thanks!

Book Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. Greeting cards/Christmas cards are available at no cost!

We continue to collect for these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Peanut butter and jelly for our Friends of Night People Sandwich Ministry.
- Operation Christmas Child (small toys and school supplies).
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House.
- Dash’s Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled.
- Material and sheets for the LWR Quilters.
- Church supplies, such as Renuzit gels, paper towels, tissues, etc.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Calendars for 2025.

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

This week’s calendar

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	11/3	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	11/4	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Sandwich Team #1
	Tues	11/5	6 am-sold out 5:30 pm 7 pm 7:30 pm	General Election Day – all day Baked Goods Sale Chair Yoga Worship and Music Team CoDA
	Wed	11/6	12 noon 5:45 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Thurs	11/7	9 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm	LWR Quilters Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Fri	11/8	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	11/9		
	Sun	11/10	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

Announcements: *If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

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