GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND
Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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November 8, 2026— *24th Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Welcome to you who are visitors among us; please sign our guest book, take a "Welcome" bag home, and do come worship with us again. *To those of you looking for a church home, we invite you to join this community of faith, as we seek to grow and serve in God's grace and love.*

***: Please stand, in body or spirit.**

Large print bulletins are available at the back table.

"Busy Bags" for small children's use during Worship on back hand rail.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

***Confession & Forgiveness:**

L: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us & rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

L: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

All: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** *"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"* **#520 ELW**

***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**

***Kyrie** **#157 ELW**

***Prayer of the Day** (*Today's Readings* insert)

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 70

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

***Gospel Acclamation**: *"Halle, Halle, Halle"* **#172 ELW**

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:1-13

Responses: *"Glory to you, O LORD"/"Praise to you, O Christ."

Hymn: *"Awake! Awake, and Greet the Morn"* **#242 ELW**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *"Through the Night of Doubt & Sorrow"* **#327 ELW**

***Apostles' Creed** p. 127 ELW

Prayer Song: *"Hear Our Prayer"*

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:
Peace to all people, hope for each soul.
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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Prayers of Intercession: (L: God, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.)**

THANKSGIVING

Our Tithes/Offerings to God

***Offertory Hymn:** *"Give Thanks"* Text Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because GOD's given Jesus Christ to us. (Repeat)…
And now let the weak say 'I am strong', Let the poor say 'I am rich'
because of what the LORD has done for us (Repeat)*… Give thanks!*

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***Offertory Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

SENDING

Quilt Presentation to Veterans

***Blessing (C: Amen!)**

***Sending Hymn:** *"Blessed Assurance"* **#638 ELW**

*P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Jan Pearson, Edie Johnson, Clarence Laub (Perry Laub's bro), Gary & Bea Tait, Michelle Carlblom, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom, Marleen Pytlik, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Gayle Hoff, Karen Magnuson, Chad Henningsgard, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; Casa de Fe orphanage; PEACE

***"Trinity Family"* to pray for this week:** Larry & Jan Compson Mark & Becky Compson, Rebecca Compson (Jaden, Lucas, Ryder)

Our *"Thanks!"* to those who serve today:

Pastor: Rev. Diane Krumm **Accompanist:** Amy Anderson
Greeter: Tristan O'Brien **Acolyte:** Carter O'Brien
Scripture Reader: Ben Johnson **Ushers:** Ryder Compson-Lorenz fam

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Thank you to everyone who worked, organized, donated (crafts/baked goods/gift baskets), shopped TLC's Annual Fall Festival yesterday!



During the service today, we will be saying prayers over the Blessing Bags. These bags contain food & hygiene items that you can give to a person in need (more directions are with the bags). Please take a bag and share a blessing.

<u>This Week @ TLC</u>:

Today, November 8th: ***Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship/Quilts for Veterans *(see insert)*
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mission Breakfast for Casa de Fe: TLC Mission team serving eggbake & fruit. Free-will offering benefits Casa de Fe, an orphanage in Ecuador.
2 p.m. Chapel @ Legacy Place **3 p.m.** Chapel @ Bridgeview Est.
Mon., Nov. 9th : *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*
12 p.m. Sr. High Youth lunch @ OSLC
Tues., Nov. 10th: **10 a.m.** Bible Study group @ Bridgeview Est.
6:30 p.m. TLC Council
Wed., Nov. 11th/Veterans Day: **9 a.m.** Quilters
No afternoon Kids Club; no evening Confirmation class
Next Sunday, November 15th: ***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion/*WELCA ThankOffering*
11 a.m. Coffee fellowship *(Host needed!)*
2 p.m. Murder Mystery Theater fundraiser @ TLC *(see insert)*



Women of the ELCA ThankOffering: Nov. 15

As we make our ThankOfferings this month, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800's. Each year, in thousands of congregations, ThankOfferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, the women of TLC invite ALL people to participate next Sunday, Nov. 15, with offerings of Thankfulness. Envelopes are included in today's & next Sunday's bulletins or you can pick one up at the TLC office. If you prefer to give online, go to: https://community.elca.org/welca. These monies will be sent to Church-wide to support the ministries of WELCA. Thank you!