GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church

499 4th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND

Our Mission: "Love God. Love Others."



On this final Sunday of the church year, our gospel is the great story of Jesus identifying with "the least of these." The faithful serve Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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November 22, 2026—*Christ the King Sunday*

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.

***Gath. Hymn:** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* (v. 1,2,5,6) **#634 ELW**
***Apostolic Greeting (C: And also with you.)**
***Kyrie** **#157 ELW**
***Prayer of the Day** (*Today's Readings* insert)

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 95:1-7
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
***Gospel Acclamation**: *"Halle, Halle, Halle"* **#172 ELW**
***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46
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: *"O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us"* **#431 ELW**

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

Prayer Song: *"Hear Our Prayer"* **#178 ELW**

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

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

***Sending Hymn:** *"For the Fruits of All Creation"* **#679 ELW**

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

Postlude

In Our Thoughts/Prayers: Susan Smith, Sharon Roberg, Jim McMillen (Patty Beil's bro), Jan Pearson, Edie Johnson, Clarence Laub (Perry bro), Gary & Bea Tait, Michelle Carlblom, Bernie Walters, Tim Yokom, Marleen Pytlik, Luetta McClaflin, Madonna Bacher-Slack, Gayle Hoff, Karen Magnuson, Chad Henningsgard, Beth Busche (Kathy Hoef's sis-in-law), Don Clark; our military women/men; PEACE

***"Trinity Family"* to pray for this week:** Jerry & Michelle Dahl, Bernie & Edna Elsner, Jeff Elsner

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

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

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You are invited to pick up a Blessing Bag, located behind the last pew in the sanctuary. 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 with someone.

***This Week @ TLC*:**

Today, Sunday, November 22nd: ***Christ the King Sunday***

9 a.m. Sunday School Christmas program practice

10 a.m. Worship

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship *(Thanks for hosting, Bernie & Edna Elsner!)*



Advent/Christmas decorating @ TLC!
If you are physically able, we appreciate the help!

4 p.m. Community Thanksgiving service @ Congregational United Church of Christ (217 4th St. NW, VC)
Followed by a free Community Dinner @ 5 p.m.
You are invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Barnes Co. Food Pantry &/or a monetary donation to be given to the Barnes Co. Ministerial Assoc. Assistance Fund.



Mon., Nov. 23rd : *Pr. Diane's Sabbath*

12 p.m. Sr. High Youth lunch @ OSLC

Tues., Nov. 24th: **10:30 a.m.** Bible Study group @ TLC

Wed., Nov. 25th: *No Quilters*

No afternoon Kids Club; no evening Confirm. class or Sr. High Youth

Thurs., Nov. 26th/Happy Thanksgiving! *(TLC Office closed)*

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. FREE Community Thanksgiving Meal @ New Life Church, VC (520 Wintershow Rd). To give organizers an idea of how many are attending, please sign up at this link: https://forms.gle/4CddM2m1LFBNm1kM6

Next Sunday, November 29th: ***First Sunday of ADVENT***



No Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship *(Ushers needed! If able to help, please sign up at back sanctuary table. Thanks!)*

11 a.m. Coffee fellowship *(Glen & Judy Torgerson hosting)*

1-4 p.m. Private event in TLC kitchen

Coming up:



Thurs., Dec. 3rd: **6:30 p.m.** Book Club discussion @ TLC on the classic 1972 book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". All are welcome! This is a quick read at less than 100 pages, but there is a movie on Netflix you can watch if you don't have time to read the book. The movie does follow the book pretty closely.