

# Trinity Lutheran Church



November 3

2024 All Saints Sunday

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Mark 12:33

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# We are glad you are here!

It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed and sharing in the Lord's Supper.

Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.

Jesus states the core of God's law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments, much more important than sacrifices. It's easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren't needed anymore, but harder to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love.

#### HYMN SING ALONG

### Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3

#### **GATHERING**

Please stand as you are able.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity...our beginning and our end.
- C Amen.
- P Let us come in truth...freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
- C we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.
- P These words are trustworthy and true...rejoice in your salvation.
- C Amen.

#### GATHERING HYMN

#### For All the Saints

**ELW 422** 

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### GREETING

P The grace ...be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE In peace, let us pray to the Lord ELW PAGE 138
HYMN OF PRAISE This is the feast ELW PAGE 140

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God...our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. <u>Please be seated.</u>

# WORD

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8 Sung responsively



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose | way is blameless, who follow the teaching | of the LORD!

# <sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe | your decrees and seek you with | all their hearts,

<sup>3</sup>who never do | any wrong,

but always walk | in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>You laid down | your commandments, that we should | fully keep them.

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made | so direct that I might | keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>Then I should not be | put to shame, when I regard all | your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with | a true heart, when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>I will | keep your statutes; do not utter- | ly forsake me.

#### SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:11-14

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go

**ELW PAGE 142** 

- P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-34

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON** 

PASTOR BARBARA JONES

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

#### Shall We Gather at the River

**ELW 423** 

#### Please stand for the last verse.

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

#### Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
- 3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*
- P Together, with the whole church on earth, let us confess our faith.

**ELW PAGE 127** 

#### THE PRAYERS

A Rooted in God's abundant love,...and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A O Lord our God,...Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We offer our prayers,...through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

### **MEAL**

P We give thanks to God ... Doorstep will give to families in need.

Everyone lays a hand on the quilts and shawls.

- P Loving God,...In Jesus' name we pray.
- C Amen.

#### OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

**ELW 181** 

Please stand as you are able.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Lord Jesus...trusting in your name.
- C Amen.

#### THE 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...join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW PAGE 144

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW PAGE 145

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD ELW PAGE 146

# COMMUNION HYMN Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones ELW 424

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, right seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!" Cry out, dominions, princedoms, pow'rs, archangels, virtues, angel choirs: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises: "Alleluia!" Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### Please stand as you are able.

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P The body...keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A Let us pray. Faithful God,...our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

#### SENDING PRAYER FOR COMMUNION KITS

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a parent's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

#### C Amen.

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

P The Ancient One...bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

**ACS 950** 

- 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.
- 3 Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.
- 4 Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.
- 5 And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day, O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

#### **DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
- C Thanks be to God. Our worship has ended. Now our service begins.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments downstairs in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

Everyone who goes to the Altar for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

# Together in Community

# Living with Christ

# Caring for Neighbors

# **Together in Community**

We are a faith community brought together to worship God and to be of service to the needs of the world as the Great Commandment is our guide in our lives (Matthew 22:36-39, Mark 12:29-31, and Luke 10:26-27). We are a congregation that seeks to reach all those in our county with members spread throughout Topeka area, while being rooted in Historic Old Town. In our faith, we hope to be a symbol of Christ's love in the world (John 15:12), to be a community of support and care (Galatians 6:2), and to proclaim the good news that Jesus Christ came to be a Savior for all people (Colossians 1:13-14).

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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