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24th Sunday of Pentecost
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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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self examination.

P Holy God, **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 and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P Inherit the riches of God's grace.☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds us with his mercy. We are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Praise Songs ***Spirit of the Living God***

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

He is Our Peace

He is our peace who has broken down every wall;
He is our peace, He is our peace.
He is our peace who has broken down every wall;
He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you,
He is our peace, He is our peace.
Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you,
He is our peace, He is our peace.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together**. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able*

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

First Reading ***Amos 5:18-24***

You look forward to the day when the Lord comes to judge. But you are in for trouble! It won't be a time of sunshine; all will be darkness. You will run from a lion, only to meet a bear. You will escape to your house, rest your hand on the wall, and be bitten by a snake. The day when the Lord judges will be dark, very dark, without a ray of light. I, the Lord, hate and despise your religious

celebrations and your times of worship. I won't accept your offerings or animal sacrifices—not even your very best. No more of your noisy songs! I won't listen when you play your harps. But let justice and fairness flow like a river that never runs dry.
....This is the Word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm ***70***

1 Save me, Lord God! Hurry and help.
2 Disappoint and confuse all who want to kill me. Turn away and disgrace all who want to hurt me.
3 Embarrass and shame those who say, "We told you so!"
4 Let your worshipers celebrate and be glad because of you. They love your saving power, so let them always say, "God is wonderful!"
5 I am poor and needy, but you, the Lord God, care about me. You are the one who saves me. Please hurry and help!

Second Reading ***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

My friends, we want you to understand how it will be for those followers who have already died. Then you won't grieve over them and be like people who don't have any hope. We believe Jesus died and was raised to life. We also believe that when God brings Jesus back again, he will bring with him all who had faith in Jesus before they died. Our Lord Jesus told us that when he comes, we won't go up to meet him ahead of his followers who have already died.

With a loud command and with the shout of the chief angel and a blast of God's trumpet, the Lord will return from heaven. Then those who had faith in Christ before they died will be raised to life. Next, all of us who are still alive will be taken up into the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the sky. From that time on we will all be with the Lord forever. Encourage each other with these words.
….This is the word of the Lord ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Verse *Please stand as you are able*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
(sung) ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

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

The kingdom of heaven is like what happened one night when ten young women took their oil lamps and went to a wedding to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but no extra oil. The ones who were wise took along extra oil for their lamps.

The groom was late arriving, and the young women became drowsy and fell asleep. Then in the middle of the night someone shouted, "Here's the groom! Come to meet him!"

When the women got up and started getting their lamps ready, the foolish ones said to the others, "Let us have some of your oil! Our lamps are going out."

Those who were wise answered, "There's not enough oil for all of us! Go and buy some for yourselves."

While the foolish ones were on their way to get some oil, the groom arrived. The five who were ready went into the wedding, and the doors were closed. Later the others returned and shouted, "Sir, sir! Open the door for us!" But the groom replied, "I don't even know you!"

So, my disciples, always be ready! You don't know the day or the time when all this will happen.

...The Gospel of the Lord *(sung)* ***Praise to you, O Christ.***



Youth Time *Please be seated*

Choir Anthem

Readers' Theater

Hymn of the Day ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** *LBW 320*

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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Maeve, Glenda and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand as you are able*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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** Christ invites you to this table.*
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!}

Communion Song *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 to the communion rail 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 communion cup 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

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. **Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. 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. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn ***Renew Me, O Eternal Light*** *LBW 511*

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

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 here with us.

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 Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God from Debbie Feger in loving memory of her mom, Theresa Pack.

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) or on your smartphone.

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.

Upcoming Tri-Church Worships:
November 15: **Veterans' Day Worship at TOL 11:00 am**
Sunday, December 6: We will all celebrate a Christmas program at Good Shepherd.

Coffee Hour: Following our **Veterans' Day worship next Sunday**, please plan on staying for a coffee hour. There is a sign up sheet on the main bulletin board if you can help with set up/clean up and/or bring a dessert.

Adult Education Fall 2026 through Spring 2027: The classes take place on **Mondays at 1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be on religious leaders, led by Charlie Schmidtke: The next two classes are as follows.

Monday, November 9 Mohammad and the Qu'ran
Monday, November 23 Ali (Shia) and Abu Bakr (Sunni)

Women's Lunch Group: We will meet this **Thursday, November 12** at noon at Raintree Bar and Grill, 2970 Colvin Blvd., Tonawanda.

Augustana Book Club: Will meet this **Thursday, November 12** at 6:30 and we will discuss Whistler by Ann Patchett.

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet the first Tuesday of each month, next on **Tues., Dec. 1**. Please see Charlie or Diane Schmidtke for a Zoom link. The meetings begin at 10 am.

Niagara Frontier Chord Authority Presents: Silver and Gold for the Holidays, an A Cappella Concert, at TOL on **Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 pm**. As the holidays approach, we celebrate in

song! Come enjoy our toe tapping music and a special visit by everyone's favorite holiday couple, Santa and Mrs. Claus! Then socialize with some wonderful people and enjoy refreshments while you browse crafts, wreaths, and baked goods sale. Admission $12 presale; $15 at the door, children under 12 free. nfcachorusinfo@gmail.com for tickets. Website: www.nfcachorus.org or see Barb Y.

Christmas Eve: Please join us on **Thursday, Dec. 24** at 7 pm for Lessons and Carols. Joseph will be here to tell us his story.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Peanut Butter and Jelly for Sandwich Team ministry
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Winter clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items or cash donations for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.

This week's calendar

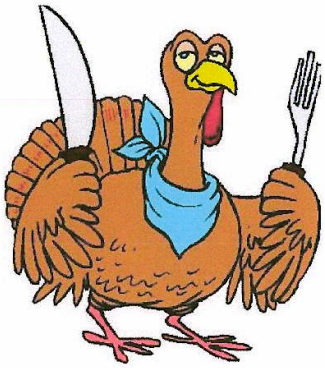
Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. *Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.*	Sun	11/8	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship at Augustana Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	11/9	10 am 1 pm 5 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Sandwich Team #1 Yoga AA
	Tues	11/10	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Chair Yoga Eta Sigma CoDA
	Wed	11/11	5:45 pm	Yoga Flow
	Thur	11/12	9:30 am 12 noon 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm	Yoga Women's Lunch Group Yoga Book Club - Augustana GA Meeting
	Fri	11/13	11 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	11/14		
	Sun	11/15	11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Veterans' Day Worship at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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DONATE A DINNER!



As in the past the Good Shepherd Food Pantry would like to be able to offer every family that comes to us in November the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner. We're asking YOU, our brothers and sisters, for help in making this possible by providing the necessary Thanksgiving fixings to go along with a turkey. "Fixings" needed for each dinner are:

- one can <u>each</u> of peas, carrots, corn and green beans
- a box of instant potatoes
- a box of instant stuffing
- a can or jar of cranberry sauce
- a can or envelope of turkey gravy mix
- a box of cake, brownie or cookie mix
  (no fresh or frozen pies, please, as we do not have room to store them)
- an aluminum disposable roasting pan

The turkeys will be provided for each of the Pantry's families, so we are hoping that you can help GSLC with the rest of the necessary fixings to make a complete meal.
<u>It will mean so much to help those who would otherwise not have a dinner to share with their family!</u>

<u>All Donations Need to Be At GSLC by November 18th</u>
for distribution on November 21st.

Please contact Jessica in the GSLC office (832-5390) with any questions.
Donations can be delivered to GSLC during office hours:
Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays, 9 AM – 2 PM
Closed for Vacation November 9th – 13th
Week of November 16th:
Monday 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM & Wednesday 12 PM – 5 PM

May God bless our effort to help others.

