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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 here with us. **Following today's worship service, everyone is invited to join us for a coffee hour in our Fellowship Hall!**

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.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran). **Note:** There are blank envelopes on the table in the narthex – if your donation is meant for Augustana or Good Shepherd for you to use, please be sure to label your envelope. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

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. Envelopes are in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.

Operation Christmas Child: Thanks to everyone for their donations! The Sunday School students have assembled the boxes, which will be blessed at today's service before they are mailed to their destinations around the world.

Please Welcome: Jessica Lawrence as she begins her new position in the church office here at TOL tomorrow! The new church office hours will be Monday, 2 – 5 pm, Wednesday, 9 – noon, and Friday, 2 – 5 pm.

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.

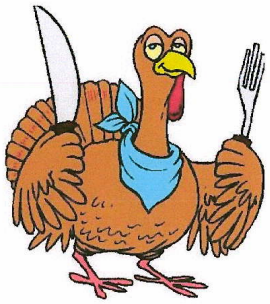
Monday, November 23	Ali (Shia) and Abu Bakr (Sunni)
Monday, December 7	Mani – Manichaeism – Sufi

Upcoming Tri-Church Worships:
Sunday, December 6: We will all celebrate a Christmas program at Good Shepherd.

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! 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 here at TOL on **Thursday, December 24** at 7 pm for Lessons and Carols. Joseph will be here to tell us his story.

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 each 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.
It will mean so much to help those who would otherwise
not have a dinner to share with their family!

All Donations Need to Be At GSLC by November 18th
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.



Veterans Recognition Service
November 15, 2026

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 in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self examination

P Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

P Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Procession of the Veterans and the Flags

Opening Hymn ***Battle Hymn of the Republic***



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910
Music: BATTLE HYMN, American, 19th cent.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together**. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able*

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

Reading ***Ecclesiastes 1:1-11*** *Please be seated*

When the son of David was king in Jerusalem, he was known to be very wise, and he said: Nothing makes sense! Everything is nonsense. I have seen it all—nothing makes sense! What is there to show for all of our hard work here on this earth? People come, and people go, but still the world never changes.

The sun comes up, the sun goes down; it hurries right back to where it started from. The wind blows south, the wind blows north; round and round it blows over and over again. All rivers empty into the sea, but it never spills over; one by one the rivers return to their source.

All of life is far more boring than words could ever say. Our eyes and our ears are never satisfied with what we see and hear. Everything that happens has happened before; nothing is new, nothing under the sun. Someone might say, "Here is something new!" But it happened before, long before we were born. No one who lived in the past is remembered anymore, and everyone yet to be born will be forgotten too.

…The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm *23*

[1]The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
[2]He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
[3]he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
[4]Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
[5]You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
[6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

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 24th Chapter.
(sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel ***Matthew 24:36-44***

No one knows the day or hour. The angels in heaven don't know, and the Son himself doesn't know. Only the Father knows. When the Son of Man appears, things will be just as they were when Noah lived. People were eating, drinking, and getting married right up to the day the flood came and Noah went into the big boat. They didn't know anything was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. This is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

Two men will be in the same field, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. Two women will be together grinding grain, but only one will be taken. The other will be left. So be on your guard! You don't know when your Lord will come. Homeowners never know when a thief is coming, and they are always on guard to keep one from breaking in. Always be ready! You don't know when the Son of Man will come.

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

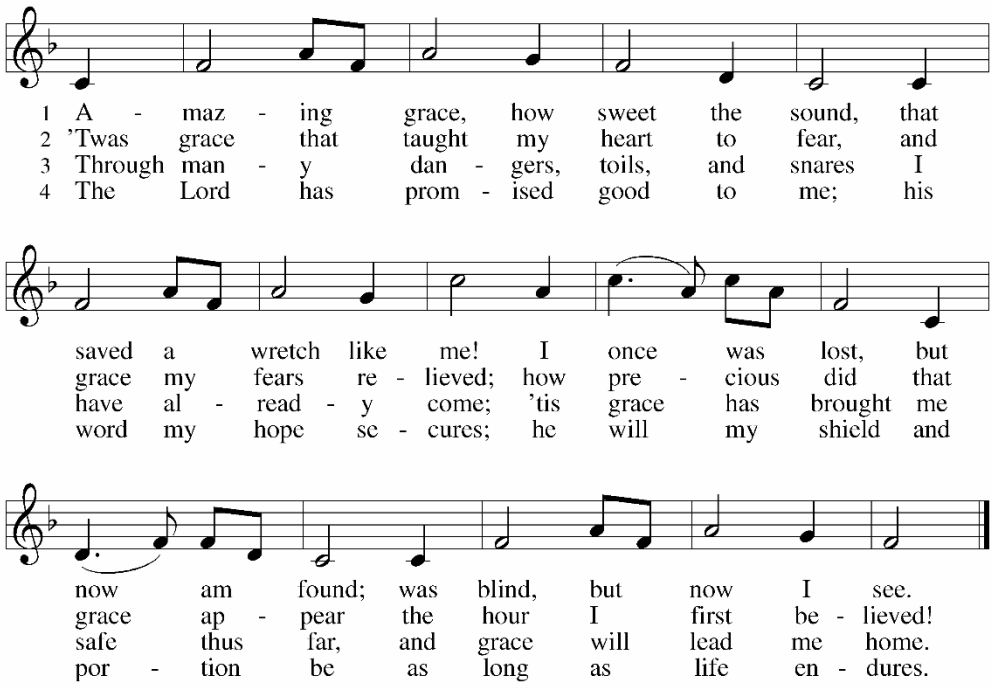
Youth Time *Please be seated*

Choir Anthem

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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 In communion with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Gracious God, we pray that our hearts be filled with truth and peace. May we be your voices against tyranny and injustice throughout the world; may we be guardians of the persecuted and displaced.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

Merciful Father, this country still is touched by the injustices and divisions that led to our Civil War. Help us examine our own prejudices and learn to control our covert and overt ways of discriminating.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

Heavenly Father, two world wars have caused immeasurable death and suffering and have shown us the evil of bigotry and oppression. We pray for all of those affected by these tragedies and resolve to learn from the pages of our past.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

Lord God, the battles fought in Korea, Viet Nam, Kuwait and Afghanistan forever changed us. Yet our servicemen and women are still being sent to conflicts around the globe. Guide us in grateful recognition of all those dedicated to sustaining our freedom.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

Gracious Father, we continue to do battle throughout the world and see no end to the hatred and violence perpetuated in the name of religion. In truth we see hatred and bigotry confuse all of us. Give us the wisdom to see the goodness in all religions and not condemn the innocent majority for the sins of the extremists.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

Holy Lord, our greed and selfishness have brought destruction to the earth. Lead us to be better stewards of your creation, and restore harmony in nature.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

P Eternal God, whatever is born of your Spirit conquers the world in a battle which is not won with weapons, but with our faith alone. We give thanks for those who already enjoy the fruits of that victory in heaven with you and pray for strength to continue the good fight of faith.
Lord, hear our prayer, **and fill the world with your peace.**

P Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

Invitation to Communion ***for those here and at home***

P Jesus has always been one to invite.
He said "*Drop your nets and follow me*."
He said "*Let the little children come*."
He said "*Stand up from your mat, you are healed*."
So friends, you are invited to this table. Each and every one of us – with our doubts, our fears, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions. This Table is for us and we have a special place at this Table. So come and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, broken and shared for us.

Communion Song *(please sing before coming forward for communion)*



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Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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Communion: The usher will direct 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. We believe Christ is present in the Sacrament; come 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
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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Flag Ceremony

Veterans Formation – Armed Forces Medley

Presentation of the Flag – Moment of Silence – Taps

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 *(next page)*

My Country, 'Tis of Thee



Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808–1895
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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