

23rd Sunday of Pentecost November 16, 2025

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.**

Praise Songs

Great is the Lord

Verse: Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
by His mercy, He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice.
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord! *Repeat Verse*

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Repeat

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Peace
able

Please stand as you are

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading ***Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18***

Please be seated

The day of judgment is certain to come. And it will be like a red-hot furnace with flames that burn up proud and sinful people, as though they were straw. Not a branch or a root will be left. I, the LORD All-Powerful, have spoken! But for you that honor my name, victory will shine like the sun with healing in its rays, and you will jump around like calves at play.

....The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴**For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.**

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,**

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,**

to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

My dear friends, in the name of^{al} the Lord Jesus, I beg you not to have anything to do with any of your people who loaf around and refuse to obey the instructions we gave you. You surely know that you should follow our example. We didn't waste our time loafing, and we didn't accept food from anyone without paying for it. We didn't want to be a burden to any of you, so night and day we worked as hard as we could.

We had the right not to work, but we wanted to set an example for you. We also gave you this rule: If you don't work, you don't eat. Now we learn that some of you just loaf around and won't do any work, except the work of a busybody. So, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask and beg these people to settle down and start working for a living. Dear friends, you must never become tired of doing right.

....*The Word of the Lord*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse
able

Please stand as you are

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.
(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel **Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to

death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

...The Gospel of the Lord

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem

Christ Be in My Waking

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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 Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 Dave, Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

Please be seated

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

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

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.**

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

Please stand as you are able

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O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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 worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the altar following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's partner is Velma Achenbach.

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.com) 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.

Thanksgiving Collection: Thank you to all who brought food to share with our neighbors so they can enjoy a holiday meal with their families!

Sermon Discussion/input: The discussion of the texts for the next month of sermons continues this **Wednesday, Nov. 19** in the Fireside Lounge, at noon for two hours.

Adult Education Fall 2025 through Spring 2026: The classes begin at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. The focus will be Places and Writings of the Early Followers of Jesus, led by Charlie Schmidtke: The next two classes are as follows.

Monday, Nov. 24 Egypt – Coptic Tradition – Philip

Monday, Dec. 8 Infancy Gospels (Thomas and Syriac)

Grief Support Meeting at TOL: The next meeting for those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild will be on **Tuesday, December 2 at 10 am**.

Women's Luncheon Group: We will meet on **Thursday, December 11** at Dandelion's, 1340 North Forest, Williamsville. If you need a ride, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. All are invited!

Augustana Chicken Chowder Sale: **Saturday, November 22 from 11 – 2!** Take out only. Proceeds will go to a school in Sierra Leone, the lawyer fee appeal, RIDE, and Augustana.

Augustana Book Club: November/December's book is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. All are invited on **Thursday, December 4** at 6:30 pm to discuss!

Combined Worship at Good Shepherd: Please join us at Good Shepherd on **Sunday, December 7 at 10 am** for a special Christmas Program. Please note that there will not be a service at TOL that day.

Coming Soon to TOL: On **Thursday, December 11 at 7:30 pm**, Barb Yendall's chorus – the Niagara Frontier Chord Authority – will present "Singing in the Season." Join us here at TOL for an evening of a cappella harmony, along with gift baskets raffle, mystery gift card tree and a 50/50. Free refreshments will be served while we mingle and the raffle winners are drawn. Admission is \$10 – children 10 and under are free. The singers are proud members of Harmony, Inc., an international organization of choruses and quartets. Please visit their website at nfcaharmony.org. See Barb for tickets; they can also be purchased at the door.

Friends of Night People: To help keep their clients warm during the upcoming cold weather, they are asking for donations of blankets, sleeping bags, hoodies, jackets, hats and gloves. Please bring your clean used or new items and at the end of October, we will deliver these items. Thank you.

Devotionals: If you would like a "Christ in Our Home" devotional for **October through December 2025**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 716-836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

We continue to collect for these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – box in narthex.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – box in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Sandwich Team ministry.
- Warm clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- Calendars for 2026 for Veterans Hospital.

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

This week's calendar

<i>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. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	11/16	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	11/17	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga Sandwich Team #4
	Tues	11/18	2 pm 5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	11/19	12 noon 5:45 pm	Sermon Discussion/Input Yoga
	Thurs	11/20	9:30 am 5:45 pm 7 pm	Yoga Yoga GA Meeting
	Fri	11/21	11 am	Pr. Sohail's South Asian community
	Sat	11/22	4 pm	South Asian Community Worship
	Sun	11/23	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

Announcements: *If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

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