# Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service II

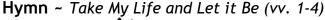
November 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 5:00 + 8:15 + 10:15

#### Prelude

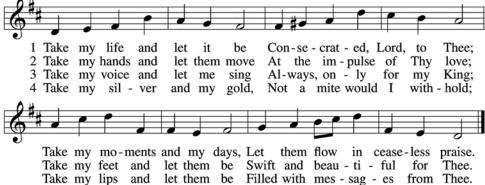
### Ringing of the Bells

# + Service of Preparation +

Please Stand



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### Psalm & Invocation

Inspired by Psalm 34

**Pastor:** I love you, O Lord, my strength and my fortress.

People: The Lord is my rock, my defense, and my deliverer; my God in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the trumpet of my salvation.

**Pastor:** I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from all my enemies.

People: In my distress I called upon the Lord, to my God I cried for help. From the temple of

the Lord my voice was heard, and my cry reached the ears of the Lord.

**Pastor:** All are welcomed in this house of the living God; to sing of God's name and to be

refreshed by God's goodness;

**People:** And none are turned away.

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

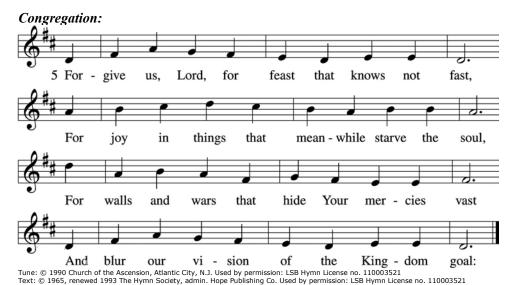
### Confession & Absolution

#### Pastor:

1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:

#### Cantor:

3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, For words that speak at variance with deeds; Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:



Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given... ... in the

Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



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# Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Pastor:** ..... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

# + Service of the Word +

# Children's Message

Please Be Seated

# First Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the

darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**People: Thanks be to God!** 

Psalm Psalm 90

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our | dwelling place throughout all | genera*tions*.
- <sup>2</sup> Before the moun- | tains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.
- <sup>3</sup> You turn people | back to dust, saying, "Return to | dust, you mor*tals*."
- <sup>4</sup> A thousand years | in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch | in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the | sleep of death—they are like the new grass | of the mor*ning*:
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning it | springs up new, but by evening it is | dry and withered.
- <sup>7</sup> We are consumed | by your anger and terrified by your | indignation.
- D Glory be to the Father and to the + Son and to the | Holy Spi*rit*; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, | A-men.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, <sup>[a]</sup> each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' <sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' <sup>22</sup> "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' <sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' <sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. <sup>28</sup> "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Be Seated

Hymn ~ Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart (vv. 1 & 3)

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

very God of very God

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Please Stand

# Prayers of the Church

After Each Petition...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, People: Hear our prayer.

Please Be Seated

### Offering

### Ways to Give

Giving a portion of the gifts God has given is, at its heart, an act of worship.

- Place your giving in the basket when you come forward for communion.
- Text to Give, simply text your gift amount ("i.e., \$25" be sure to include the \$ sign) to 314-310-0442.
- Online giving at https://trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/giving.
- Mail your giving to Trinity Lutheran Church, 812 Soulard St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

### Connect with Your Church & Community!

If you're new to our neighborhood, worshipping community, or a invite you to connect with our ministry by filling out our online the QR Code to be taken to our online welcome, or navigate to the connect...

"trinitystlouis.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new"



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# + Service of the Sacrament +

We believe that in this Sacrament we receive the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. All who wish to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward to receive the unending forgiveness of Jesus Christ:

to become together what we consume: The Body of Christ in and for the world. Children and those who would prefer not to receive the sacrament are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Please Stand

### **Preface and Proper Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

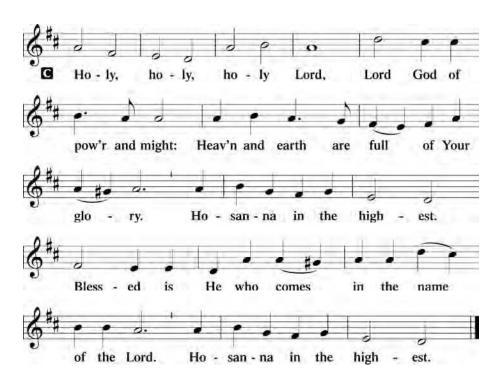
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right... ... evermore praising You and singing:

#### Sanctus



# Lord's Prayer

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.

### Words of Institution

### **Peace**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

# Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God



# Hymn ~ The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri um-phant breaks, 2 Not as of old a lit tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris ing morn When Christ, vic to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn Shall dawn up-on our race 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky. And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes. The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face. Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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### **Prayer**

**Pastor:** ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns

with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. Benediction

**Hymn** ~ O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.
- O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Be Thou our guard while troubles last
   And our eternal home!

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# **Worship Leaders**



The People of Trinity Lutheran Church Ministers:

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 8:15 am	Sunday 10:15 am	
Preacher:	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	
Presider:	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	Josh Hatcher	
Liturgist:	Josh Hatcher	Joshua Steele	Joshua Steele	
Communion Servers:			Joshua Blasingame, Grace Dick	
Children's Message:	Andrea Roettger	Andrea Roettger	Andrea Roettger	
Lector:	Rose Nester	Ryan Markel	John Carroll	
Acolyte:	Naomi Hildreth			
Organist:	Jeff White	Jeff White	Jeff White	
Cantor:	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein	Nicole Heerlein	
Communion Prep:	Kurt Poggemoeller, Nancy Poggemoeller	Annette Carson	Dorothy Brents	
Live Streaming:			John Carroll	
Greeter:			Matt Nelson	
Usher:	Phil Koehr	Phil Koehr, Paula Wike	Julie Oberheu Tritschler Melba Wetmore	

SONday School Leaders: Alex Moll, Katy Moll

SONday School Music: Katy Moll

## November 18 & 19, 2023

# TRINITY TODAY

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We pray that your time with us today is uplifting and encouraging as we follow Jesus together as God's people.

Our ministry team and community of faith are here to help you connect both with Christ Jesus and with our ministry. If we can be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let us know.

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Worship Services - Saturday 5:00 - Sunday 8:15 & 10:15

### SUNDAY

SONday School 9:15 a.m.

Special Voter's Meeting 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary

Confirmation 9:15 a.m. Parish House 3rd flr.

Uth 11:30 a.m. Parish House, 3rd flr.

### MONDAY - SATURDAY

(No Soup Alley Thursday) Soup Window 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

(Office Closed Thursday) Office Hours 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Trinity Handbells 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Balcony

### **THURSDAY**

Thanksgiving Worship 10:15 a.m.

### Sunday

No SONday School No Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. No Confirmation 9:15 a.m.

### CONGREGATION

### Trinity Year End Financial Appeal

We're so thankful for your generosity this year! Your prayerful gifts have made it possible for us to begin renovation on our school building soon. We're looking forward to filling you in on the progress at our next Voter's Assembly November 19th at 9:15 a.m.

2023 has been a challenging financial year in many ways, including high inflation and a difficult investment marketplace. As a result, we're looking at a current shortfall for the year of over \$128,000.

We want you to know we're cutting expenses where we can, and prayerfully doing our best to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are not going broke, we have some backup reserves, but using them can be a slippery slope and those funds are not endless.

So, we're asking if you are able, to prayerfully consider an additional year-end gift to support Trinity's ministry, as a response to the gifts God has entrusted to you.

### Financial Stewardship Report

	2023 YTD	2023 Budget	Variance	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Member Contributions	\$433,156.	<b>\$</b> 565,250.	\$(132,094.)	\$498,709.	\$449,409.
Community Care	<u>8,286.</u>	<u>35,792.</u>	<u>(27,506).</u>	<u> 18,096.</u>	<u>37,304.</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$441,442.	\$601,042.	\$(159,600).	\$516,805.	\$486,713

As of October 31st, church income is below budget by \$159,598 and is 15% and 13.4% lower than income for the comparable periods ending October 2022 and 2021, respectively. The current period net operating loss is \$128,701.

### **Upcoming Congregational Voter's meetings:**

- Special Voter's Meeting Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary re: Building and Financing Update
- Regular Voter's Meeting Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary re: 2024 Budget (Note date change)

**DCE Andrea Roettger receives Calls** - DCE Andrea has received a Divine Call from Bethany Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City) and to St Paul Lutheran Church in Ankeny, lowa (a suburb of Des Moines). Please pray for her as she deliberates the three Calls laid in-front of her: to continue to serve at Trinity, to serve the youth at St. Paul or to serve the families at Bethany. A decision will be made by December 6th.

**Panhandling** - Please DO NOT give money, food or other items to any unhoused neighbors who might ask when you are at Trinity. Panhandling will not be tolerated on Trinity's campus, if someone needs food, please tell them "Soup Alley is open Monday - Saturday from 9:30-10:30" or "It's Trinity's policy not to give things out on Sundays"

**Decorate for Christmas** - Join us on Saturday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. If interested, please contact Kay Weber by text 314-249-8668 or email kaymweber@yahoo.com.

Advent Devotionals - Advent devotionals are now available to be picked up in the back of the sanctuary.

For Children - Heaven & Nature Sing

For Youth & Young Adults - Tune In to Christmas

For Adults - A Little Child Shall Lead Them

### ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Adult Bible Study - Meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study** – Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. "He Calls Me Loved" In person or to register for Zoom check your ENews for the link. No Bible Study, November 21.

**Ladies Lunch Bunch** – Ladies are invited to SqWires on Tuesday, November 28 at 11:30 a.m. RSVP online through the link in Trinity Weekend Enews or sign up in the back of the church.

**Wednesday Bible Study** - Wednesday morning Bible class from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Parish House, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr. No Bible Study November 22 & 29.

### STUDENT MINISTRY

**Uth "Turkey Bowling"** - Ist & 3rd Sundays for all youth 6-12th grade. Sunday, November 19 from 11:30-1:00. Join us for Turkey Bowling. Bible study and Pizza for lunch. RSVP in back of church or check your Trinity Weekend Enews to RSVP online!

**Children's Christmas Worship Service** - The Children's Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday.

December 10 at 10:15 a.m. There are two rehearsals, Saturdays December 2 and 9 at 11:00 a.m. (Kids will also start learning the songs in SONday School, Sundays at 9:15 a.m.) You can sign up your child (zero-12th grade) in the back of the sanctuary or through the email families should have received the beginning of November.

**Youth Confirmation Class** – Youth 6th grade and older are invited to participate in Confirmation. For more information visit https://trinitystlouis.com/confirmation/. To attend please contact DCE Andrea at dceroettger@trinitystlouis.com. (class location - Parish House, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr.), No class November 26.

**SONday School -** For children 3 years to 5th grade, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish House, 1st flr., opens with music led by elementary school music teachers Katy Moll and Rebeccah Carroll. No SONday School November 26.

#### **COMMUNITY CARE**

### Neighborhood: Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning Elementary School

Gift tags for Humboldt Toy Drive will be available next weekend. Please select a tag to purchase a \$20-\$25 Christmas gift for a student at Humboldt.

Community: 1,408 Meals were served at Soup Alley in the month of October, an average of 54 meals daily Soup Alley Food:

- Prepared lunchmeat & PBJ sandwiches
- Bottled water
- Fruit (small oranges or bananas preferred)
- Chips/Pre-packaged snacks
- Pre-packaged snack cakes, desserts, etc.
- Plastic grocery bags
- L and XL t-shirts, hoodies, and underwear
- Winter gear
- Plastic grocery bags

If you're able to bring any items to Trinity for distribution, please schedule your drop-off through email at office@trinitystlouis.com. Donation drop off days are Mondays and Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. by appointment.

**New Community Care Donations Bins:** for Saturday/Sunday drop off – Please place your donations for Community Care in the marked bins in the "museum room." This will help us inventory items coming into Soup Alley.

**Thrivent Action Team Grant**: As the end of the year approaches make sure you apply for your Thrivent Action Team Grants, if you are a member of Thrivent. There is a step-by-step guide available to assist you in applying for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant. Just email Kim at kimdannmessier@trinitystlouis.com for a copy and/or ideas for a project to fund. For more information go to https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams.

Grant Ideas for Community Care: Christmas Toys for Humboldt, Sammie Sunday, Winter Gear for Soup Alley: Hand warmers, long underwear, hats, waterproof gloves, etc.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Gateway Ringers – The Gateway Ringers will be performing a Christmas concert at Trinity on December 17 at 4:00 p.m. The group is an auditioned handbell ensemble, ringing six octaves of bells and seven octaves of chimes. There is no cost to attend, and an optional free-will offering will be taken to benefit the group. Trinity's Minister of Music, Jeff White, has rung with this group since 1999 and there may be a surprise premier of a special version of "We Three Kings." See Jeff I you would like more information.

# **PRAY**

### Birthdays ~ November 18 - 24

Shay Craig-Meyer

Shaun Craig-Meyer

Graham Koeltzow

### Grady Griesman November 18 Kitt Griffith-Ochiltree November 19 Gail Horvath November 19 November 19 John Hosie Andy Leitner November 20 Theresa Simpson November 20 Vicki Hrebec November 21 November 22 Ryan Freese Elizabeth Ring November 22

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# Parish Community

Erin Boester

Don & Merlyn Bohler

John Bohne
Naomi

Tim & Laura Borstell

Nathan & Julie Bowyer
Gabriel & Eliza

Brian & Casey Brady
Ollie

John & Lynne Brauch

David & Sue Brax

Teresa Brents

Dorothy Brents

Don & Cindy Brown

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