Trinity Church Welcomes You

Wednesday Evening Worship

November 11, 2026

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***Stand as able**

Prelude

Lighting of candles

Announcements, Joys & Concerns & Peace

***Call to Worship**

Let us pray,
God, as we gather in worship, open our hearts to your voice. Nourish us with your truth and prepare us to share your love in the world. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* TFWS 2031 (2X)

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
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And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

First Reading *Acts 11:1-18*

[1] Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea
heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. [2] So
when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers
criticized him, [3] saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men
and eat with them?" [4] Then Peter began to explain it to them, step
by step, saying, [5] "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance
I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming
down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came
close to me. [6] As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals,

beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. [7] I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' [8] But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' [9] But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' [10] This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. [11] At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. [12] The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. [13] He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; [14] he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' [15] And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. [16] And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' [17] If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" [18] When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Second Reading *Psalm 43*

[1] Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.
[2] **For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?**
[3] Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;
[4] **that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**
[5] Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

***Gospel Reading** *Matthew 23:1-12*

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The
scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; 3 therefore, do
whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for
they do not practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy burdens,
hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they
themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. 5 They do all
their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries
broad and their fringes long. 6 They love to have the place of honor
at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and to be greeted
with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them
rabbi. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher,
and you are all brothers and sisters. 9 And call no one your father
on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. 10 Nor are you
to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.
11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt
themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will
be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

Confession and Absolution

Because we often fall short and are not willing to love as Jesus loves, let us confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus we often go our own way. Jesus sends us out to care for others, but we put ourselves first. Forgive us for the good left undone and the wrong done. Help us to be faithful disciples on the Way.

In Christ, we are forgiven, justified, and transformed to carry on in the way of love and justice. Savor the good news of this pardon – your sins are forgiven +in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn *Lord Listen to your Children Praying* TFWS #2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Pastoral Prayer

Offering *Thank you Lord* UMH #84

Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
I just want to thank you, Lord.

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Blessing of Shoeboxes

Gracious God**,** we return to you a portion of what you have first given us. May all that we offer be used to feed the hungry, welcome our neighbors, and spread your love and justice everywhere we go. Bless both the giver and the gift that they may bear fruit for your kingdom. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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 the table
The table is set for you. Come and receive the bread of life and the cup of blessing given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion
We give you thanks for feeding us at your table, Lord. May we become what we have received, the body of Christ, for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God* UMH 576

1. Rise up, Ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
to serve the King of kings.

3. Rise up, Ye saints of God!
The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task;
rise up, and make her great!

4. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod.
As siblings of the Son of Man,
rise up, Ye saints of God!

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Benediction
Go and do no harm. May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. May almighty God bless you + in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Serving the Church

Liturgist:
Ushers: Christian Ed. Students
Communion Preparation: Confirmation Kids
PowerPoint: Nancy Nelson
Mevo: Terry Nelson
Accompanist: Janis Olson

Trinity Church Offering

Grace Lutheran Offering

Calendar This Week

Thursday: BSF Group at Trinity – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Grace Quilters – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday: Grace Quilters – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: Food Distribution at Nielsen Center – volunteers before 8 am
Sunday: Worship Service at Grace – 9:00 a.m.
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry – Finish Shoebox Assembly
Grace Council Meeting after Service
Monday: Cub Scouts at Grace – 6:30 p.m.
Pastor's Day Off
Tuesday: Trinity Women's Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Girl Scouts at Grace – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Bells Practice at Grace – 5:00 p.m.
BSF Group at Grace – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Christian Ed. Class 5:00 pm Supper 5:45 pm
Worship Service 6:30 pm