Trinity Church Welcomes You

Wednesday Evening Worship

November 18, 2026

Pastor Priscilla Hukki

***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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH 327

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

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Ezekiel 34:11-16

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep
and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when
they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will
rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered
on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into
their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by
the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will
feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing

land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them
lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring
back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen
the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice.

God's Word for God's People

Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH 138

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and
home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy
pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within
thy house forever.

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Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 “When the Son of Man comes in
his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne
of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he
will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand
and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his
right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I
was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was
naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of
me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ 37 Then the righteous will
answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave
you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when
was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and
gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?’ 40 And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his
left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal
fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and
you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and
you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not
visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we
saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison
and did not take care of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I
tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you
did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal
punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon

Hymn *Open Our Eyes* TFWS 2086

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.

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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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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 *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* (2X) TFWS 2087

1. We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
   we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
   we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

2. Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

3. He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
   he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

4. Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords; who is the great I AM.

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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: Shari Hickman
Ushers: Art & Shari Hickman
Communion Preparation: Tammi Metz
PowerPoint: Beverly Meyer
Mevo: Art Hickman
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.
Care Center Services – Villa 11 a.m., Colonial Haven 1:30 p.m.
Sunday: Shared Worship Service at Grace – 10:00 a.m.
Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday: Pastor on vacation through November 27!
(Pr. Ernesto Medina is available for pastoral emergencies 402-541-9454)
Tuesday: Trinity Women's Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
WIC/Immun. at Grace – 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: No Bells Practice at Grace
No BSF Group at Grace
No Christian Ed. Class or Worship Service
Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 –
Office Closed, No Quilting, Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday & Saturday: Brodahl Family Celebration at Trinity

The Living Nativity on Main St. is one way we proclaim the Gospel outside our walls. We work together with other Christian brothers and sisters to be sure that the Gospel is seen and heard in the midst of all of our cultural Christmas traditions.

Each year we are figuring out ways to make it more manageable and enjoyable. Instead of characters in costume the whole time, at 4:45, 5:45 and 6:45 we will be having folks come out to create the scene as the Gospel is read. We will begin with a carol, read the story and then sing Silent Night. I will read at 4:45, Pr. Gierke at 5:45 and Fr. Weeder at 6:45. In between the 'stained glass window' painted on plywood by Don Maack will be in place in the much simpler and smaller stable.

Teala will keep the master sign-up sheet in the office. All ages are welcome to participate. Plan to be there on the half hour to get in costume and be ready by the time the first carol is sung at the ¾ hour. Please consider signing up for a shift – get a couple of friends to sign up with you, or your grandchildren. Do your half hour and then enjoy some of the many activities on Main St.

If you don't want to use the link for the sign-up genius, you can call the Grace Lutheran office (402)372-2050 and Teala can sign you up.
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