



23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Introduction

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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.

* **THE GATHERING SONG:** #796
How Firm a Foundation

* **THE GREETING**

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 WORD

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸ **Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page #151a

C: **Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

* P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter

* C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel: : Luke 21:5-19

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“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.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And 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.

⁹“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.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“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. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #596
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Hear us, O God
Your mercy is great.

* PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*** THE OFFERTORY:** Let the Vineyards be Fruitful # 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

THE MEAL

* THE OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us
into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung) page 152

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 our thanks and praise.

* THE PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and
merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the
choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power 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.**

* THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

page 154

**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.**

* THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the
food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung)

page 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

THE SENDING

* THE BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you
for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you **✝** and
grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.
Amen.

* THE SENDING SONG:

#632

O God Our Help In Ages Past

* THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: November 16, 2025

Communion Assistant: Amber Johnson

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Scarlett Johnson

Usher: Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound System: Bonnie Mazza

Serving Next Week: November 23, 2025

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Amber Johnson

Musicians: Voices That Reign

Sound System: Amber Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: Worship 10AM every Sunday. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship is back on the 4th Sunday of each month.

MORE INFORMATION: on these and other upcoming worship times and events can be found on the church Facebook page [HolyTrinityBT](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBT) and the church website: www.holytrinityelc.org

GIVING OF TALENTS AND TIME : Stop by the bulletin board located in the main hallway and see how you can help.

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BOXES: Thanksgiving boxes will be put together on November 23rd right after worship. The boxes will be ready for pickup starting at noon for those on our list.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

CALLING ALL YOUTH: Junior and Senior Youth group is back.. We had our first get together in October and had a great time. Our next Youth Group will be Sunday, November 23rd.

6:00-7:15pm : Junior Youth grades 4-7
7:15-8:30pm: Senior Youth grades 8-12

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 10:00AM Worship with Holy Communion

Monday: 7:00pm Council

Wednesday: 5:00—7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

Friday: 7:00—10:00PM AA

Next Sunday: 9am Sunday School
10am: Worship



Holy Trinity is now using WhatsApp to help stay in touch with everyone. For those not familiar with the app, it is a texting app that allows messages to be sent to any kind of phone. (iPhone, Google, Samsung Etc.) The staff will use the App to notify our members of any major events, special services, weather cancelations and church needs. No one's information will be shared and the group is private. If you would like to join the WhatsApp notifications, here is how

Step 1: Find and download WhatsApp onto your phone. If you already have it, that's great.

Step 2: Fill out a form at the back of the church, please include a good cell phone number.

Step 3: Look for invite on WhatsApp to join the chat.

If you have any questions please see Bonnie after worship and she can help you download the app or get you added to the church group.

Upcoming Events for the Remainder of 2025

November 17: Council at 7pm

November 23: Youth Group, 6-7pm Junior High
7-8:30pm Senior High

November 25: Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm

November 29: Greening of the Church @ 1pm-4pm

December 14: Christmas Concert @ 6:30pm with Voices That Reign and Youth Choir

December 21: Sunday School Christmas Program

December 24: Christmas Eve Worship @ 7pm & 10pm

December 28: Lesson and Carols @ 10am