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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 15 & 16, 2025

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.

A *large print copy* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available in the front narthex.



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 15 & 16, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM; Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 1)

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 prelude is a signal to end our conversation and prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Sunday 10:45am "How Can I Give You Thanks?" Patterson Youth Choir

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

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.

(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

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.

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Gathering Hymn

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

ELW #327

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise



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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

(please be seated)

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

The readings at the end of the year focus on death and last things, when God's reign of justice will be fully ushered in. The prophet promises that God's miraculous rescue of the exiles from Babylon pales in comparison to what the future God has in store.

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. 24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung) While this song was written almost two hundred years before the first reading, its theme is similar – God's promises of peace and justice are certain.

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

³ With joy you | will draw water from the wells | of salvation.

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.

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⁵ Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously; let this be known in | all the earth.

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This reading is in part an answer to the question, "If we expect Christ's return at any moment, how do we spend the meantime?"

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. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus' teachings in the days before his betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection were about the last things. Here he teaches in the presence of the Temple, a magnificent structure only recently completed by Herod the Great. While monumental and apparently permanent, it will be destroyed only 40 years later, when the Romans crush a rebellion.

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

⁵ When 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." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" 8 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. 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." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; 11 there 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. 13 This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(please be seated)

Sermon Pastor Jason Felici

Hymn of the Day (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

ELW #597

Apostle's Creed

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.

Prayers of the People (please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The Peace (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

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

(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Congregational Vitality. Congregations are always discerning the work of the Spirit and the synod provides consultation on mission planning, outreach, collaboration, merging, & holy closure.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

Anthem

"Everywhere I Go"

Sleeth

Choir

Offertory (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

ELW #691



- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.

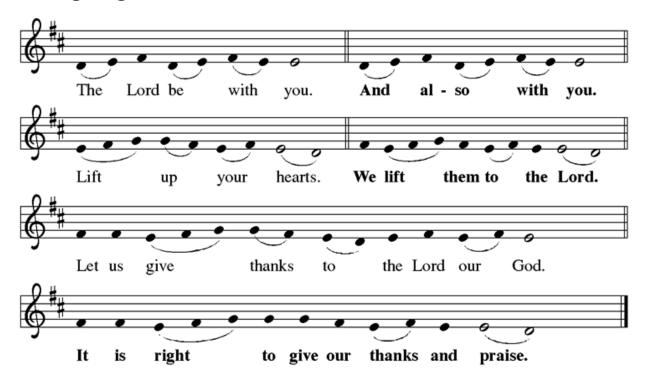


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. 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.

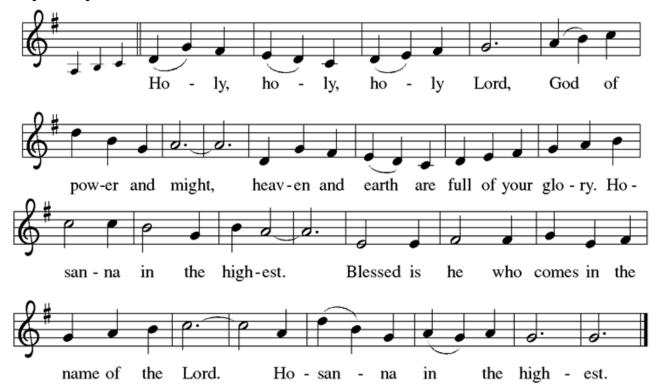
Great Thanksgiving



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:

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Holy, Holy, Holy



You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

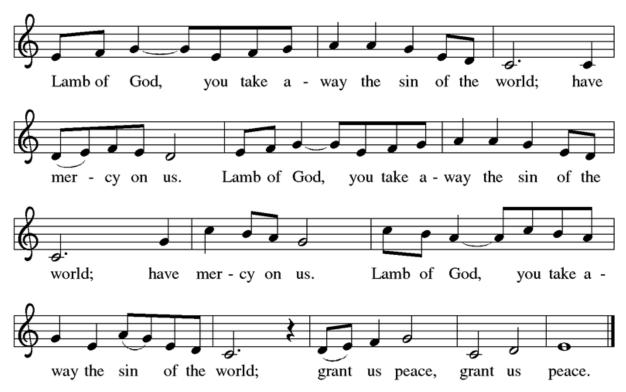
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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

Lamb of God



(please be seated)

Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.



Table Blessing (please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The love of God the Father 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.

Sending Hymn

"When Peace Like a River"

ELW #785

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of my beloved husband, Ronny, and my mother, Helen Ferrante, given by Judi Johnston.

<u>THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK</u> is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Dot and Dave Heid, on their birthdays, given by Jenny and Jeff Obstarczyk.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jason Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Donna Showalter

Sunday 8:15am: Kathy Ferlin

Sunday 10:45am: Linda Brigaman

Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm: Jackie Mars

Sunday 8:15am: Kathy Ferlin, Evan Stemler

Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair, Jane Lawson

Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm: Tom & Beth Dlugos, Isaiah Sherba,

Donna Showalter

Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Melinda Terney,

Keith Bronson, Jr., Keith Bronson, Sr.

Sunday 10:45am: Jill & Mike Macey, Tim Potter, Susan Vargo

Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Emma Felici, Brooke Rhoads

Sunday 10:45am: Ava Vought

Tellers: Sunday 8:15am: Gary Sheppard, Nancy McHenry, Carol McIntyre

Sunday 10:45am: Jane Lawson, Tim Potter, Marcia Salandro,

Kathy Sowatskey

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend November 22 & 23

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am:

Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola, Madison McLain

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