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Christ the King

November 22 & 23, 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.



Christ the King November 22 & 23, 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)

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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

Prelude and Silent Prayer

10:45am

"Festivo"

Wagner

Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please turn to face the cross in the back, 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.

(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.

Gathering Hymn *(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

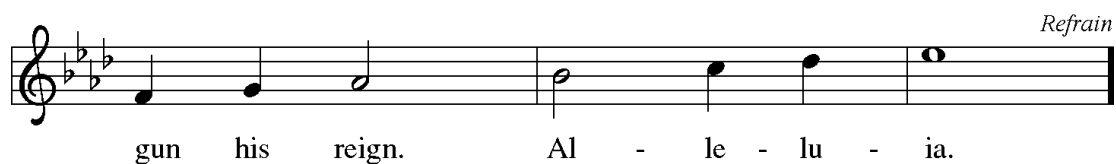
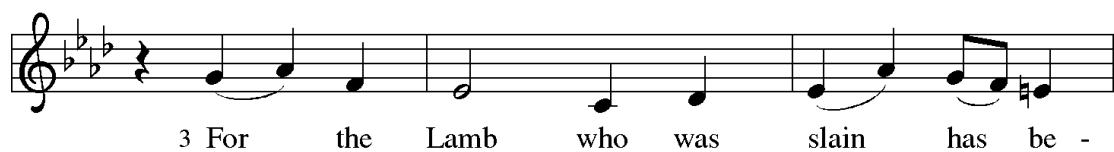
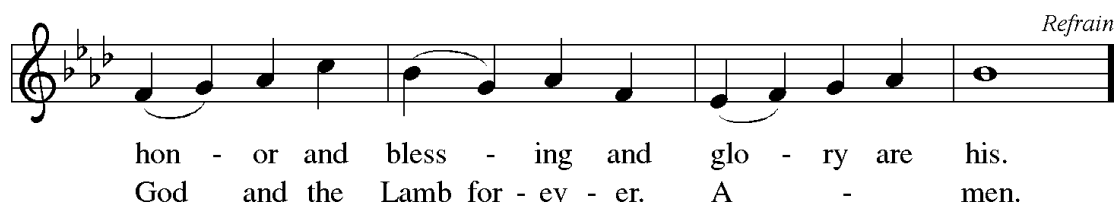
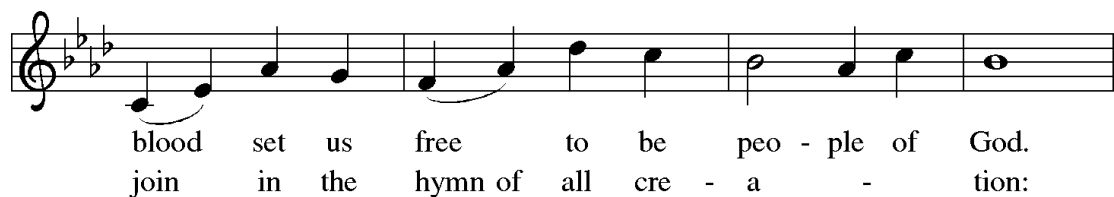
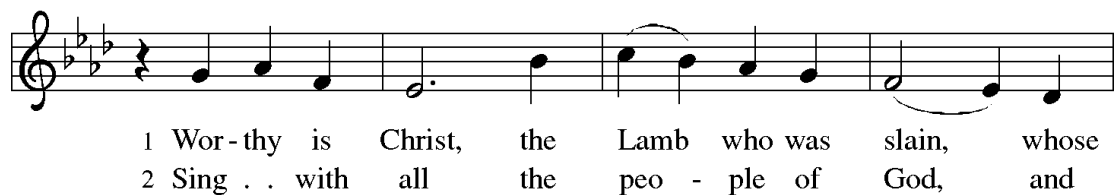
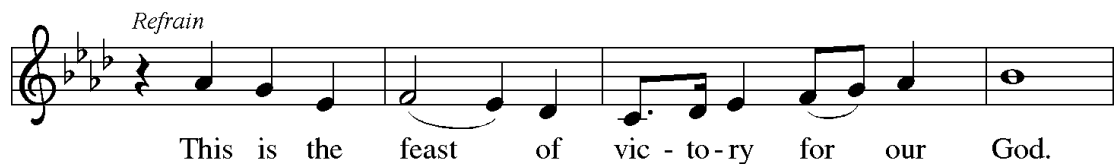
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

ELW #634

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



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

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

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Kings in the ancient Middle East were often referred to as the shepherds of their nation and their people. This is one of many passages in which God reaffirms the promise to David, that his descendants would continue as kings of the Jews forever, a promise which is echoed in seeming ridicule in today's Gospel.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Luke 1:68-79 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

This is the song sung at the birth of John the Baptist by his father. John is to be the forerunner of the figure who is described in language which echoes that at the end of the first reading.

- ⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the [|] God of Israel,
you have come to your people and [|] set them free.
- ⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a [|] mighty Savior,**
born of the house of your [|] servant David.
- ⁷⁰ Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us [|] from our enemies,
⁷¹ from the hands of [|] all who hate us,
- ⁷² **to show mercy [|] to our forebears,**
and to remember your [|] holy covenant.
- ⁷³ This was the oath you swore to our [|] father Abraham:
⁷⁴ to set us free from the hands of our [|] enemies,
free to worship you [|] without fear,
⁷⁵ **holy and righteous before you, all the days [|] of our life.**
- ⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of [|] the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- [|] pare the way,
- ⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge [|] of salvation**
by the forgiveness [|] of their sins.
- ⁷⁸ In the tender compassion [|] of our God
the dawn from on high shall [|] break upon us,
- ⁷⁹ **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- [|] ow of death,**
and to guide our feet into the [|] way of peace.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

This paean to the cosmic power of Christ sets him above all earthly rulers.

- ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

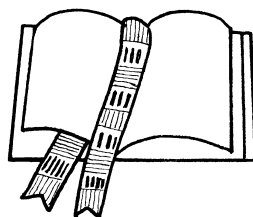
(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

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



Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Crucifixion was kept by the Romans for the offenders who, for some reason, needed to be most obviously dishonored. And because hanging on a tree was a sign of being cursed by God (Deuteronomy 21:22–23) it was scandalous to the Jews as well. And yet on the cross, Jesus shows the sort of king he is.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 23rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW #434

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 staffing and building costs for hosting Community Events. Council-approved non-profit and church-affiliated organizations use our building for meetings, seminars, and other events.*



*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

“Jesus Messiah”

arr. Larson

Choir

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



- 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.

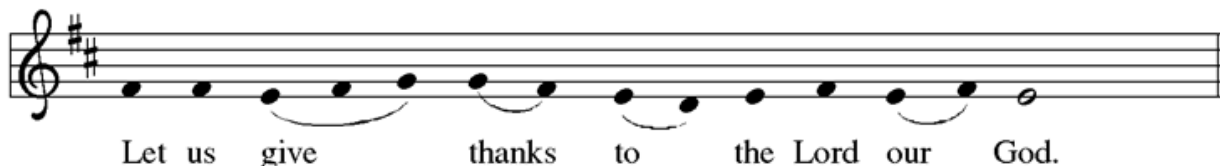


We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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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.**

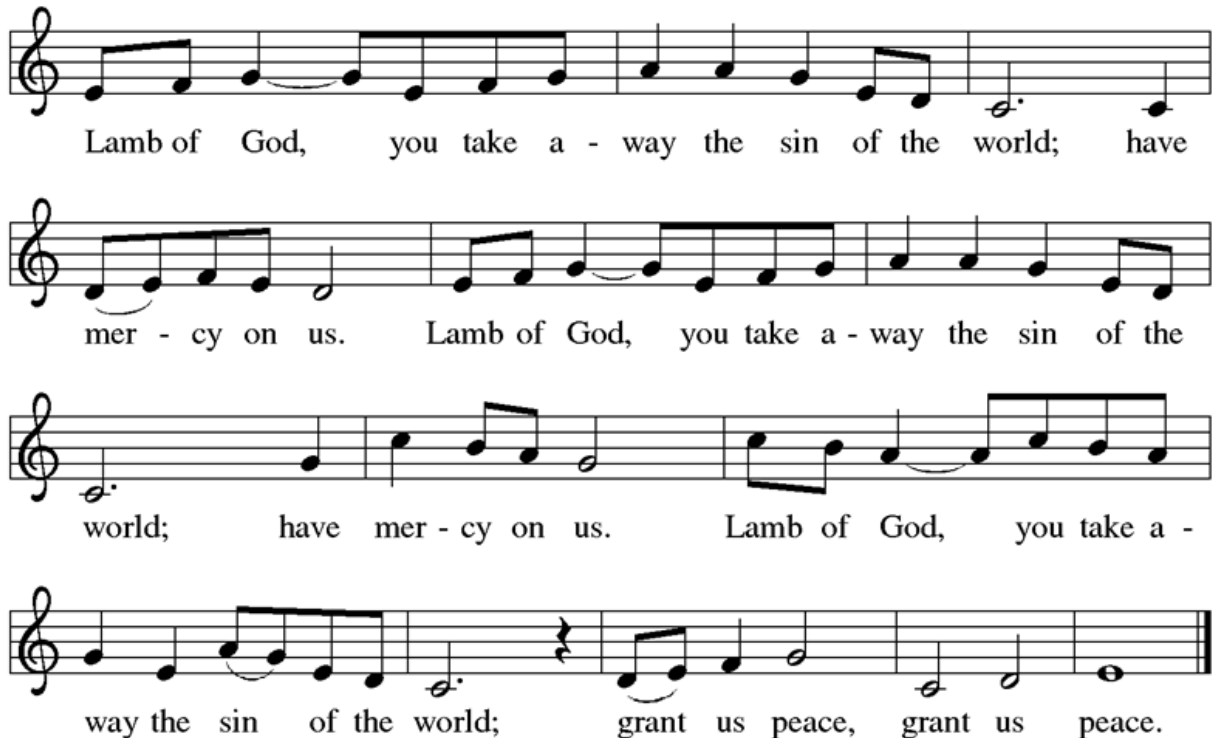
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(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 *(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

ELW #855

Dismissal

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

THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our son, Charlie, on what would have been his 39th birthday on November 23rd, given by Chuck and Beth Ann Arbore.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our kitchen mentors and friends, given by Jane Fritz.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching: Pastor Jess Felici **Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici
Director of Music: Debbie Morley
Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Margaret Conrad
 Sunday 8:15am: Mary Ann Coulston
 Sunday 10:45am: Linda Brigaman
Liturgical Deacons: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Darlene Hoffmann
 Sunday 8:15am: Ted Benning, Lucinda Nicely
 Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair, Lindsay Deemer
Ushers: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Tom & Beth Dlugos, Isaiah Sherba,
 Donna Showalter
 Sunday 8:15am: Sandy Kisick, Keith Bronson, Jr.,
 Keith Bronson, Sr., Melinda Terney
 Sunday 10:45am: Mike & Jill Macey, Tim Potter, Susan Vargo
Acolytes: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Kelly Stanko
 Sunday 8:15am: Will Benning, Kaden Shannon
 Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola, Madison McLain
Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Mary Ann Coulston, Donna Krall, Phyllis O'Hara
 Sunday 10:45am: Tiffany Shrum, Ted Massa, Tim Potter

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend November 29 & 30

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

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