704 N. Wall Street / Spokane, WA 99205
spokanelutheran.com

Vacancy Pastor: Wayne C. Eichstadt
Office: (509) 926-3317 / **Cell**: (507) 380-1068 / pastor@gethsemaneclc.org

President: Dennis Lux
(509) 389—9349 / luxdenlin@gmail.com

Trinity is a member congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (www.clclutheran.org)



November 21, 2026

Thanksgiving

Pentecost 27

Serving Us Today

Organist: Cathy Conway
Greeter: Jeanne Helke

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 103*

Pre-Service Prayer
Lord God, let Your goodness lead me to repentance for my many sins (Romans 2:4). As I trust in Jesus for forgiveness, strengthen me to follow Your Word. Forgive my sins of discontent. Forgive me for being distracted by Your earthly gifts instead of being focused on the Giver. With the power of Your Word energize me with thankfulness to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Order of Worship

When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.

Call to Worship (Pastor): Psalm 100

Hymn: 43 – We Sing the Almighty Power of God

Sing to the Lord of Harvest with Repentance

God Says (Pastor): You shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. [3] And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. **(Deuteronomy 8:1-3)**

Pastor & Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, For dull content with warmth and sheltered care, For songs of praise for food and harvest press, While of Your richer gifts we're unaware: Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace, For life and vision, for a purpose clear, For Christ Your Son, and for each human face That shows Your message ever new and near.

Congregation Sings:

O Thou that hear'st when sinners cry,
Tho' all my crimes before Thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their mem'ry from Thy book. (325:1)

God Says (Pastor): When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. [10] And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:9-10)
If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:17-18)

Pastor & Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, For words that speak at variance with deeds; Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways Unmindful of a broken brother's needs: Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost, That knows no barrier of "yours" and "mine," Assured that only what's withheld is lost.

Congregation Sings:

Create my nature pure within
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart. (TLH 325:2)

God Says (Pastor): Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' [32] For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:31-34)

Pastor & Congregation: Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul, For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal: Open our eyes to see Your love's intent, To know with minds and hearts its depth and height; May thankfulness be days in service spent, Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.

Congregation Sings:

I cannot live without Thy light,
Cast out and banish from Thy sight;
Thy holy joys, my God, restore
And guard me that I fall no more. (TLH 325:3)

Prayer of Repentance for Ourselves and for our Nation

(Daniel 9:4ff)

<u>Pastor & Congregation:</u> "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness. . . To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. . . . O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from [us] . . . O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary. . . O my God, incline your ear and hear. . . We do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Congregation Sings:

Though I have grieved Thy Spirit, Lord,
His help and comfort still afford
And let me now come near Thy throne
To plead the merits of Thy Son.

A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring.
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye
And save the soul condemned to die. (TLH 325:4-5)

Absolution (Pastor)

Congregation Sings

Oh, may Thy love inspire my tongue!
Salvation shall be all my song;
And all my powers shall join to bless
The Lord, my Strength and Righteousness. (TLH 325:6)

Sing to the Lord of Harvest for the harvest of Earthly Blessings

Scripture Reading: Psalm 147; Psalm 144:12-15

Praise the Lord!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
For he strengthens the bars of your gates;
he blesses your children within you.
He makes peace in your borders;
he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth;
his word runs swiftly.
He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?
He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules.
Praise the Lord! _____

May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars
cut for the structure of a palace;
may our granaries be full,
providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our fields;
may our cattle be heavy with young,
suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!
Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!
Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth



Sing to the Lord of Harvest for the Harvest of Souls

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

Hymn: 574 – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Confession of Faith (*Small Catechism,* First Article of the Apostles' Creed)

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me. God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: 572(1-3) – Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Sermon Text: Genesis 32:9-12; 48:15-16

And Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac,
O Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your kindred, that I
may do you good,' [10] I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of
steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant,
for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two
camps. [11] Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of
Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the
children. [12] But you said, 'I will surely do you good, and make your offspring
as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

_____

And he blessed Joseph and said,

"The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked,
the God who has been my shepherd all my life long to this day,
[16] the angel who has redeemed me from all evil, bless the boys;
and in them let my name be carried on, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;
and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

"It's Time for a Thanksgiving HUG!"

I. **H**umility
II. **U**nderstanding
III. **G**ratitude

Hymn: 36 – Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer



Thank-offering

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce (Proverbs 3:9)

Offerings may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the church, mailed to the church, or made electronically via the link on our website home page.

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save Your
hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

(Worship Supplement: 793:3)

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen**.

Hymn: 785 – Children of the Heavenly Father

Silent Prayer

All Scripture readings unless otherwise noted are from the ESV. The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. ESV® Text Edition: 2016. Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers.

Welcome to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m.Worship Service

Christmas decorating following the worship service.

Next Saturday (November 28)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

There will be no refreshment/fellowship time following the service.

News & Notes

Today Christmas decorating after the worship service.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Gethsemane. All are invited. The 6:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed (gethsemaneclc.sermon.net, also on YouTube and Facebook).

Our Congregation Christmas Party will be December 5th after the worship service. The party will be a potluck with a gift exchange. The gift should be wrapped and valued about $10.00.

Advent Begins Next Saturday: A new church year and a fresh season of Advent will begin with our worship service next week. Midweek Advent worship services will not be held at Trinity, but all are invited to worship at Gethsemane for midweek Advent worship services. The midweek services are at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on December 2, 9, and 16. The 6:30 p.m. service is livestreamed.



What is it? A Saturday morning adventure in God's Word somewhat similar to Vacation Bible School. It will be held at Gethsemane.

What will it feature? We can't tell you everything because it's a secret, but there will be living history museum exhibits for Old and New Testaments, projects and more!

Sounds great! When is it? Saturday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. – Noon (doors open at 9:00 a.m.)

Who can attend: Children who are pre-school through 5th Grade. Invite friends, neighbors, acquaintances, and the people with whom you strike up conversation on any given day.

Do participants need to register to attend? It is not required, but it would be **VERY HELPFUL**.

Christmas for Kids - Journey to Bethlehem
Registration: https://tinyurl.com/Christmas4Kids26



November Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger
North Entry: Lux **Basement:** Helke

News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Bruce Naumann, who serves as the CLC's full-time missionary to East Africa, has ***received*** the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN / Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has ***returned*** the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD / Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has ***accepted*** the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD / Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane

Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, is ***deliberating*** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pray for Laborers--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appleton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul's Austin
6. St. Luke's, Lemmon
7. WI Quad Parish
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd Pastor)
9. Gift of God, Mapleton/St. Paul's, Ponsford

Kinship Sponsors Needed - After the CLC declared fellowship with the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in 2020, the CLC Board of Missions has been working together with the BLCM to establish a local seminary for pastoral training. There is currently one BLCM pastor serving 1,715 souls across 19 congregations and 14 preaching stations in a country that is 95% Muslim. However, this January, 14 men will begin their pastoral training as the inaugural seminary class of the BLCM. Sponsors are needed to help these men receive their training so that they may join in the abundant work in Bangladesh. The cost of a sponsorship will be $60 per month. To begin a sponsorship or for more information, please text, call, or email Dan Roehl. (Cell: 507-381-2042; Email: danroehl@hotmail.com)


IN EVERY THING
give thanks
FOR THIS IS THE WILL
of God in
CHRIST JESUS
concerning you.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18, KJV